PINPOINTING LETTERS

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PINPOINTING can be defined as <u>locating, fixing or directing with extreme precision.</u>

Below, I offer a selection of phrases, each of which pinpoints a specific letter of the alphabet A - Z.

This is accomplished by <u>using a word which targets the required letter</u>**:**

1. words which indicate that the required letter is <u>at the beginning of a word</u>
HEAD   FRONT   BEGIN   BEGINNING   LEFT   FIRST   FORE   START   STARTING   OPENER   OPENING   LEADER   ENTRANCE

2. words which indicate that the required letter is <u>at a specific position inside a word</u>
CENTER   EYE   MID   MIDDLE.   SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH etc.

3. words which indicate that the required letter is <u>at the end of a word</u>
TAIL   BACK   END   RIGHT   LAST   HIND   FINISH   CLOSE   CLOSED   CLOSING   TERMINAL   TERMINUS   FINAL   BEHIND

<u>AN A - Z OF LETTER LOCATION</u>

A. THE BEGINNING OF THE **A**LPHABET   THE FIRST OF **A**PRIL   FIRST OF **A**LL
       THE SECOND B**A**LL (cricket)   THE END OF AID**A** (the opera)

B. STARTING **B**LOCKS   **B**AND LEADER   LEFT **B**ANK   OPENING **B**AT (cricket)
    HEAD **B**OY   THIRD RU**B**BER (bridge)   HIS LAST JO**B**   BACK COM**B** (hair)

C. **C**AN OPENER   THE FIRST **C**UCKOO   THE OPENING **C**HORUS   **C**HEER LEADER
      COLD FRONT   THE FIRST **C**HAPTER   FIRST **C**LASS   THE OPENING **C**EREMONY
      THE SECOND A**C**T   THE THIRD OF DE**C**EMBER   THE FOURTH OF MAR**C**H
      THE END OF THE TITANI**C**

D. THE OPENING **D**EAL   THE OPEN **D**OOR   THE FIRST OF **D**ECEMBER
     IN THE MIDDLE OF IN**D**IA   SECOND E**D**ITION   THE END OF THE WORL**D**
      THE LAST ROUN**D**   DEA**D** END   RIGHT HANDE**D**   THE LAST WOR**D**

E. THE BEGINNING OF THE **E**ND   FIRST **E**DITION   IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OC**E**AN / S**E**A
     THE FOURTH DIM**E**NSION   THE END OF THE LIN**E**   THE LAST IN LIN**E**   LAST MINUT**E**
     THE END OF THE VOYAG**E**   FINAL SCOR**E**   LAST DANC**E**   LAST CHANC**E**   LOOS**E** END

F. FIRST **F**OOTING   FIRST **F**LOOR   FIRST **F**INGER   MID O**F**F (in cricket) A SECOND O**F**FER
     FINISH OF**F**

G   OPENING **G**AMBIT   FIRST **G**LIMPSE   HEAD **G**IRL   THE MIDDLE OF THE NI**G**HT
    MIDDLE A**G**E   THE EYE OF THE TI**G**ER   THIRD DE**G**REE   LAST LE**G** RIGHT WIN**G**
    FINAL FLIN**G**   THE END OF SPRIN**G**

H   FIRST **H**AND   LEFT **H**ANDED   SECOND C**H**ANCE   SECOND T**H**OUGHTS
    IN THE MIDDLE OF NOW**H**ERE   THE END OF THE MATC**H**   THE CLOSING SPEEC**H**

I   IN THE FIRST **I**NSTANCE   THE FIRST **I**N (to bat)   SECOND S**I**GHT   SECOND F**I**DDLE
    CENTRE PO**I**NT

J.   **J**ANUARY THE FIRST   A THIRD OF THE MA**J**ORITY   THE END OF THE RA**J**

K.   HER FIRST **K**ISS   IN THE MIDDLE OF THE S**K**Y   THE FOURTH TIC**K**ET
     KIC**K** BACK   LAST LOO**K**   THE END OF THE BOO**K**

L   THE FIRST IN **L**INE   THE FRONT **L**INE   FIRST **L**IGHT   SECOND F**L**OOR
     SECOND C**L**ASS   MIDDLE ENG**L**AND   LAST OF AL**L**   HIS LAST MEA**L**

M   THE FIRST OF THE **M**ONTH   THE FIRST **M**EMBER   THE FIFTH COLU**M**N
    THE FIFTH OF NOVE**M**BER   TRA**M** TERMINUS   TER**M** END

N   THE START OF THE **N**EW YEAR   THE OPENING **N**IGHT   THE THIRD IN LI**N**E
     THE FOURTH AME**N**DMENT   MID MOR**N**ING   CLOSING DOW**N**   THE THIRD MA**N**

O   STARTING **O**UT   LEFT **O**UT   START **O**VER   THE SECOND IN C**O**MMAND
     THE EYE OF THE ST**O**RM   THE MIDDLE OF THE PEL**O**TON   GOES SOL**O**

P   A **P**OOR START   FIRST **P**OST   HEAD **P**ORTER   IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PA**P**ER
    END U**P**   THE LAST DRO**P**   THE LAST STO**P**   THE CU**P** FINAL   LAST LA**P**
    LAST GAS**P**

Q   THE HEAD OF THE **Q**UEUE   THE **Q**UEEN'S HEAD   THE FIRST **Q**UESTION
    THE THIRD IN**Q**UEST   THE LAST OF THE CIN**Q** PORTS

R   THE FIRST **R**OUND   FRONT **R**UNNER   THE SECOND F**R**ONT   MIDDLE EA**R**TH
    THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTE**R**NOON   THE END OF THE AFFAI**R**   LAST YEA**R**
    THE FINAL FRONTIE**R**   THE LAST SUPPE**R**   THE LAST OVE**R** (cricket)

S   **S**EA FRONT   THE OPENING **S**PEECH   IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MISSI**S**SIPPI
    THE CENTRAL MAS**S**IFF (in France)   BU**S** TERMINUS   LAND**S** END   JOURNEY**S** END
    THE LAST OF THE MOHICAN**S**   HOWARD**S** END

T   THE FIRST **T**IME   THE BEGINNING OF **T**ERM   **T**IN OPENER   CENTRAL STA**T**ION
    THE MIDDLE OF THE MA**T**CH   THE LAST AC**T**   THE LAST POS**T**

U   START **U**P   OPEN **U**P   LET **U**S BEGIN   INSIDE O**U**T   THE THIRD RO**U**ND
     MIDDLE ST**U**MP (cricket)   THE END OF YO**U**

V   FIRST **V**ISIT   THE FIRST **V**OYAGE   SECOND O**V**ER (cricket)   THE SECOND E**V**ENT
     FIFTH ANNI**V**ERSARY   T**V** CLOSE DOWN

W **W**ARM FRONT   LEFT **W**ING   CENTRE FOR**W**ARD   THE END OF THE RAINBO**W**
    THE LAST STRA**W**   THE THIRD IN A RO**W**

X   THE BEGINNING OF **X**MAS   THE SECOND E**X**TRA (in the match)
     A FINAL SI**X** (ended the cricket match)

Y THE START OF THE **Y**EAR   **Y**OU'RE FIRST   THE THIRD RO**Y**AL   THE THIRD LA**Y**ER
    THE FOURTH PLA**Y**ER   THE END OF THE DA**Y**   TERMINAL VELOCIT**Y**
    RAILWA**Y** TERMINUS   THE END OF THE STOR**Y**   THE RIGHT OF WA**Y**

Z   THE **Z**OO'S ENTRANCE   THE THIRD AND FOURTH PU**ZZ**LES   THE LAST WALT**Z**

Phrases having a choice between 2 pinpointed letters

START *AT THE BEGINNING*   *START* AT THE **B**EGINNING

LEF**T** *BEHIND*   *LEFT* **B**EHIND

SINGLE WORDS

In some cases a single word pinpoints a letter within itself:

A. FRONT**A**L   MIDD**A**Y

B. FORE**B**EARS   FORE**B**ODE

C. **C**ONFRONT

D. ENDE**D**

E. START**E**D   DOV**E**TAIL   B**E**HIND

F. OF**F**END

G. WA**G**TAIL   MIDNI**G**HT

H. FORE**H**EAD   BACKLAS**H**

I. FRONT**I**CE

J. HEAD**J**OGS - a hairdresser in Ilford, UK

K. BAC**K**

L. HEAD**L**INE   FORE**L**OCK   **L**OGGERHEAD (turtle)

M. HEAD**M**ASTER

N. FA**N**TAIL

O. MIDDLET**O**N

P. U**P**END

Q.

R. TAILO**R**   MIDDLEMA**R**CH

S. ENDLES**S**   WALL**S**END (in UK)

T. HINDSIGH**T**

U. **U**PSTART

V. VI**V**END (a company name)

W. HEAD**W**AY

X. O**X**TAIL

Y. ENDERB**Y**

Z.

Sometimes the <u>meaning of a whole word</u> pinpoints a letter, without 'attaching' a word indicating the beginning, middle or end:
PENULTIMA**T**E and ANTIPENULTIM**A**TE are prime examples of this.