

What do these seven sentences have in common?

- Amazingly few discotheques provide jukeboxes. (40)
- Ebenezer unexpectedly bagged two tranquil aardvarks with his jiffy vacuum cleaner. (71)
- A quart jar of oil mixed with zinc oxide makes a very bright paint. (53)
- Six big juicy steaks sizzled in a pan as five workmen left the quarry. (56)
- Jinxed wizards pluck ivy from the big quilt. (36)
- No kidding -- Lorenzo called off his trip to visit Mexico City just because they told him the conquistadores were extinct. (99)
- The July sun caused a fragment of black pine wax to ooze on the velvet quilt. (60)

Answer:

***They are
pangrams!***

The most famous English pangram:

The quick brown fox
jumps over a lazy dog.
(33)

The number thirty-three means this sentence has only 33 letters in it. An English pangram—obviously—needs to contain—at least—twenty-six letters, but it becomes harder and harder to create a pangram that makes sense the fewer letters you use. You generally have to repeat a number of vowels (like the *o*'s and *a*'s and *e*'s in the sentence above) and a few of the more common consonants (like the *r*'s above). This sentence is impressively short for one that makes complete sense and has all twenty-six letters in it.