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(54) **ELECTRONIC TEXT INPUT INVOLVING WORD COMPLETION FUNCTIONALITY FOR PREDICTING WORD CANDIDATES FOR PARTIAL WORD INPUTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A text input method is described for an electronic apparatus having a user interface with text input means and a display screen. Word completion functionality is provided for predicting word candidates for partial word inputs made by the user with the text input means. The method involves receiving a partial word input from the user and deriving a set of word completion candidates using the word completion functionality. Each of the word completion candidates in the set has a prefix and a suffix, wherein the prefix corresponds to the partial word input. The method also involves presenting the suffices for at least a sub set of the word completion candidates in a predetermined area on the display screen, wherein each of the presented suffices is made selectable for the user.

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