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Subject: Re: Ambiguous keyword abbreviation error

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- > I was under the
- > mistaken notion that these were like named variables, so as long as I had
- > unique names for each one I was good to go.

```
pro my_procedures, col=col, color=color
```

I'm thinking "column" when I use col=col and in parts of the code where "color" is not also a keyword "col" works just fine, but as soon as I have "col" as the beginning of another keyword IDL cannot tell the two apart (because IDL does not require you to use the entire keyword, only enough of it that it can be uniquely determined)... so I have to at least append 1 letter (other than 'o') to "col" and use something like:

```
pro my_procedures, coln=coln, color=color
```

-Kevin

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