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# Weekly Find the Words

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Pencils and paper for each player, depending on how you play

May be suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

How many four- and five-letter words can you make from the letters in the word **BASKETBALL**? (Note: We found **56** four-letter and **44** five-letter words.)

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Instructions: This game can be played in a number of ways. Here are three examples:

1. Go around the room and have players (one at a time) identify the 4-letter words, then the 5-letter words. You could set a goal of finding at least 50% of the correct answers.
2. Make it a timed contest. Hand out page 2 of this document (or a blank piece of paper) and give your players two or three (or more) minutes to write down as many words as they can. The player with the most (legitimate) words is the winner.
3. Play as described in #2, but have the players work in teams of two or three.

To add a little extra fun, we've added a secret word. (You can find it on the answer page.) If you are scoring the game, give the player or team who gets the secret word double points. If you're not scoring, perhaps you can give them a small prize – a piece of chocolate, a \$1 lottery ticket, a lollipop, etc.

In addition, you will see that we've marked some words with asterisks. These words are a bit harder to get. Again, if you are scoring, you might give an extra point or two to the person/team who gets an "asterisked" word.

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**B A S K E T B A L L**

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## ANSWERS

(Note: Other, more obscure answers are possible.)

### 4 LETTERS

1. Abet \*
2. Able
3. Alas
4. Ales
5. Asea \*
6. Baas \*
7. Babe
8. Bake
9. Bale
10. Balk \*
11. Ball
12. Base
13. Bask \*
14. Bate
15. Bats
16. Beak
17. Beal
18. Beat
19. Bell
20. Belt
21. Best
22. Beta \*
23. Bets
24. Blab
25. East
26. Eats
27. Ebbs \*
28. Elks

### 4 LETTERS

29. Ells
30. Kale
31. Labs
32. Lake
33. Last
34. Late
35. Leak
36. Lest
37. Sake \*
38. Sale
39. Salt \*
40. Sate
41. Seal
42. Seat
43. Sell
44. Slab
45. Slat
46. Stab
47. Tabs
48. Take
49. Tale
50. Talk
51. Tall
52. Task
53. Teak \*
54. Teal
55. Teas
56. Tell

### 5 LETTERS

1. Abase \*
2. Abate \*
3. Abets
4. Atlas
5. Babes
6. Babka \*
7. Bakes
8. Bales
9. Balks \*
10. Balls
11. Balsa \*
12. Basal \*
13. Baste
14. Beaks
15. Beast
16. Beats
17. Bells
18. Belts
19. Blabs \*
20. Blast
21. Bleak \*
22. Bleat

### 5 LETTERS

23. Kabab \*
24. Kebab \*
25. Label
26. Lakes
27. Latke \*
28. Leaks
29. **Least** ●●●
30. Sable
31. Skate
32. Slake
33. Slate
34. Stake
35. Stale
36. Stalk \*
37. Stall
38. Steak
39. Steal
40. Table
41. Takes
42. Tales
43. Talks
44. Tells

●●● Secret Word