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Weekly Find the Words

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 phrase **CARPE DIEM**, which means “Seize the day.”? (*Note: We found 66 four-letter and 42 five-letter words.*)

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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Weekly Find the Words

ANSWERS

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

4 LETTERS

1. Aced
2. Acid
3. Acme *
4. Acre *
5. Aide
6. Amid
7. Aped
8. Arid
9. Came
10. Camp *
11. Cape
12. Card
13. Care
14. Carp
15. Cede
16. Cram
17. Crap
18. Dame
19. Damp
20. Dare
21. Dear
22. Deem *
23. Deep *
24. Deer
25. Dice

4 LETTERS

26. Dime
27. Dire
28. Dram *
29. Drip
30. Emir *
31. Epic
32. Iced
33. Idea
34. Mace *
35. Made
36. Maid
37. Mare
38. Mead *
39. Mere *
40. Mica *
41. Mice
42. Mire
43. Pace
44. Paid
45. Pair
46. Pare
47. Pear
48. Peed
49. Peer *
50. Perm

4 LETTERS

51. Pica *
52. Pied
53. Pier
54. Pram *
55. Prim *
56. Race
57. Raid
58. Ramp
59. Read
60. Ream
61. Reap
62. Reed
63. Rice
64. Ride
65. Rime *
66. Ripe

5 LETTERS

1. Acrid *
2. Aimed
3. Aired
4. Armed
5. Cadre *
6. Caped
7. Caper *
8. Cared
9. Cedar *
10. **Cider ●●●**
11. Cramp
12. Cream
13. Creed
14. Creep *
15. Creme *
16. Crepe *
17. Cried
18. Crime
19. Crimp
20. Derma *
21. Dicer
22. Drape
23. Dream
24. Eared
25. Edema *

5 LETTERS

26. Eider *
27. Media
28. Medic
29. Mired
30. Paced
31. Pacer
32. Pared
33. Peace
34. Piece
35. Price *
36. Pride
37. Pried *
38. Prime
39. Raced
40. Rapid *
41. Recap
42. Riced

●●● Secret Word