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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 **DESK LAMP?** (*Note: We found **52** four-letter and **34** 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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D E S K L A M P

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ANSWERS

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

4 LETTERS

1. Ales
2. Alms *
3. Amps *
4. Aped
5. Apes
6. Apse *
7. Dale
8. Dame
9. Damp
10. Dams
11. Deal
12. Desk
13. Elks
14. Elms
15. Kale
16. Kelp
17. Lade *
18. Lads
19. Lake
20. Lame
21. Lamp
22. Laps
23. Lead
24. Leak *
25. Leap
26. Made

4 LETTERS

27. Make
28. Male
29. Maps
30. Mask
31. Mead
32. Meal
33. Meld *
34. Pads
35. Pale
36. Palm
37. Pals
38. Peak *
39. Peal
40. Peas
41. Plea
42. Pled
43. Sake *
44. Sale
45. Same
46. Seal
47. Seam
48. Slam
49. Slap
50. Sled
51. Spam
52. Sped

5 LETTERS

1. Ample
2. Asked *
3. Dales *
4. Dames
5. Damps
6. Deals
7. Kales
8. Kelps
9. Lakes
10. Lamed *
11. Lamps
12. Lapse
13. Leads
14. Leaks
15. Leaps
16. Makes
17. Males
18. Maple *
19. Meals
20. Medal
21. Melds *
22. Paled *
23. Pales
24. Palms *
25. Peaks
26. Peals

5 LETTERS

27. Pedal
28. Plasm *
29. Plead
30. Pleas
31. Psalm ●●●
32. Slake *
33. Spade
34. Speak *

●●● Secret Word