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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 name **CALIFORNIA**? (Note: We found **49** four-letter and **20** 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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ANSWERS

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

4 LETTERS

1. Acai *
2. Afar *
3. Afro *
4. Anal
5. Aria
6. Aril *
7. Calf
8. Ciao *
9. Clan
10. Coal
11. Coif *
12. Coil
13. Coin
14. Cola
15. Corn
16. Fail
17. Fair
18. Faro *
19. Filo *
20. Flan
21. Foal
22. Foci *
23. Foil
24. Fora *
25. Icon

4 LETTERS

26. Info
27. Iron
28. Lain
29. Lair
30. Liar
31. Lino
32. Lion
33. Lira
34. **Loaf** ●●●
35. Loan
36. Loci *
37. Loin
38. Nail
39. Narc *
40. Noir *
41. Nori *
42. Oral
43. Orca
44. Rail
45. Rain
46. Rani *
47. Rial *
48. Roan
49. Roil

5 LETTERS

1. Acorn
2. Aioli *
3. Cairn *
4. Canal
5. Carol
6. Cilia *
7. Coral
8. Facia *
9. Final
10. Flair
11. Flora *
12. Focal *
13. Folia
14. Folic
15. Frail
16. Iliac *
17. Ionic *
18. Lanai *
19. Liana *
20. Ricin *

●●● Secret Word