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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 **UNCLE SAM,** whose likeness has been used since World War I to recruit soldiers into the US military? (*Note: We found **49** four-letter and **31** 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. Aces
2. Acme *
3. Acne
4. Ales
5. Alms *
6. Alum *
7. Amen
8. Anus
9. Calm
10. Came
11. Cane
12. Cans
13. Case
14. Cels *
15. Clam
16. Clan
17. Clue *
18. Cues *
19. Elan *
20. Elms
21. Emus *
22. Lace
23. Lame
24. Lane
25. Lean

4 LETTERS

26. Lens *
27. Mace *
28. Male
29. Mane
30. Mans
31. Maul *
32. Meal
33. Mean
34. Menu *
35. Mule
36. Muse
37. Name
38. Sale
39. Same
40. Sane
41. Scam
42. Scan
43. Scum
44. Seal
45. Seam
46. Slam
47. Slue
48. Slum
49. Ulna *

5 LETTERS

1. Acmes *
2. Amens
3. Amuse
4. Calms
5. Camel
6. Canes
7. Cause
8. Clams
9. Clans
10. Clean
11. Clues *
12. Elans *
13. Laces
14. Lames
15. Lance
16. Lanes
17. Leans
18. Lumen *
19. Males
20. Manes
21. Manse *
22. Mauls *
23. Meals
24. Means
25. Menus *

5 LETTERS

26. Mules
27. Names
28. **Sauce •••**
29. Scale
30. Sumac *
31. Ulnae *

••• Secret Word

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