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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 phrase **XMAS PARTY**? (Note: We found **42** four-letter and **27** 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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## ANSWERS

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

### 4 LETTERS

1. Amps \*
2. Arms
3. Army
4. Arts
5. Arty \*
6. Maps
7. Mart
8. Mast
9. Mats
10. Pars \*
11. Part
12. Past
13. Pats
14. Pays
15. Pram \*
16. Prat \*
17. Pray
18. Ramp
19. Rams
20. Raps
21. Rapt \*

### 4 LETTERS

22. Rasp \*
23. Rats
24. Rays
25. Spam
26. Spar
27. Spat
28. Spay \*
29. Spry \*
30. Star
31. Stay
32. Tamp \*
33. Tams
34. Taps
35. Tarp
36. Tars
37. Tram
38. Trap
39. Tray
40. Tsar \*
41. Yams \*
42. Yaps \*

### 5 LETTERS

1. Apart
2. Artsy \*
3. Marts
4. Parts
5. Party
6. Pasta
7. Pasty \*
8. Patsy
9. Prams
10. Prats
11. Prays
12. Ramps
13. **Raspy ●●●**
14. Satay \*
15. Satyr \*
16. Smart \*
17. Spray
18. Stamp
19. Strap
20. Stray
21. Tamps

### 5 LETTERS

22. Tapas \*
23. Tarps
24. Tramp
25. Trams
26. Traps
27. Trays \*

●●● Secret Word