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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 word **MUSCLEMAN**? (Note: We found **48** four-letter and **29** 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. Clam
15. Clan
16. Clue *
17. Cues *
18. Elan *
19. Elms
20. Emus *
21. Lace
22. Lame
23. Lane
24. Lean

4 LETTERS

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

5 LETTERS

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

5 LETTERS

25. Sauce ●●●
26. Scale
27. Sumac *
28. Ulnas *
29. Uncle *

●●● Secret Word