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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 name **VANCOUVER, BC**? (Note: We found **49** four-letter and **29** 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. Acne \*
2. Acre
3. Aver \*
4. Bane
5. Bare
6. Barn
7. Bean
8. Bear
9. Beau \*
10. Boar
11. Bone
12. Bore
13. Born
14. Bran
15. Burn \*
16. Cane
17. Carb \*
18. Care
19. Cave
20. Cone
21. Core
22. Corn
23. Cove
24. Crab
25. Cube

### 4 LETTERS

26. Curb \*
27. Cure
28. Earn
29. Ecu \*
30. Euro \*
31. Narc
32. Nave
33. Near
34. Nova \*
35. Once \*
36. Orca \*
37. Oven
38. Over
39. Race
40. Rave
41. Roan \*
42. Robe
43. Roue \*
44. Rove
45. Rube \*
46. Rune
47. Urea \*
48. Vane
49. Verb \*

### 5 LETTERS

1. Above
2. Acorn
3. Bacon
4. Baron
5. Beano \*
6. Bocce \*
7. Boner
8. Borne \*
9. Brace
10. Brave
11. Bravo \*
12. Caner
13. Canoe \*
14. Carob \*
15. Carve
16. Caver
17. **Cobra** ●●●
18. Coven
19. Cover
20. Crane
21. Crave
22. Crone
23. Curve \*
24. Nacre \*
25. Occur \*

### 5 LETTERS

26. Ocean
27. Ounce \*
28. Raven
29. Urban

●●● Secret Word