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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 phrase **PAIN KILLER?** (Note: We found **56** four-letter and **21** 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. Akin
2. Earl
3. Earn
4. Elan *
5. Kale
6. Kelp *
7. Kill
8. Kiln *
9. Lair
10. Lake
11. Lane
12. Lark
13. Leak
14. Lean
15. Leap
16. Liar
17. Lien *
18. Like
19. Line
20. Link
21. Lire
22. Nail
23. Nape *
24. Near
25. Pail
26. Pair
27. Pale
28. Pall

4 LETTERS

29. Pane
30. Pare
31. Park
32. Peak
33. Peal
34. Pear
35. Perk *
36. Pier
37. Pike
38. Pile
39. Pill
40. Pine
41. Pink
42. Plan
43. Plea *
44. Rail
45. Rain
46. Rake
47. Rale
48. Rank
49. Rape
50. Real
51. Reap
52. Rein *
53. Rial *
54. Rile
55. Rink
56. Ripe

5 LETTERS

1. Alien *
2. Alike
3. Ankle
4. Knell *
5. Krill *
6. Lapel
7. Learn
8. Liken
9. Liner
10. Paler
11. Panel
12. Pearl *
13. Penal
14. Peril *
15. Piker *
16. Plain
17. Plane
18. Plank *
19. **Prank** ●●●
20. Renal *
21. Ripen

●●● Secret Word