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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 **MOONLIGHTING**? (Note: We found **38** four-letter and **15** 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. Gilt *
2. Glom *
3. Gogo *
4. Gong
5. Goon
6. Goth *
7. Hilt
8. Hint
9. Hoot
10. Into
11. Limn *
12. Limo *
13. Lint
14. Lion
15. Logo
16. Loin
17. Long
18. Loom
19. Loon

4 LETTERS

20. Loot
21. Mini *
22. Mint
23. Moil *
24. Molt *
25. Mono
26. Moon
27. Moot
28. Moth
29. Nigh
30. Noon
31. Olio *
32. Omit
33. Onto
34. Thin
35. Toil
36. Tong *
37. Tool
38. Toon *

5 LETTERS

1. Glint
2. Gloom
3. Going *
4. Igloo *
5. Ingot *
6. Light
7. Limit
8. Lingo *
9. Might
10. Month
11. Night
12. Ninth *
13. **Onion** ●●●
14. Thing
15. Thong *

●●● Secret Word