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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 **COD LIVER OIL**? (Note: We found **53** four-letter and **40** 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. Cell
2. Clod
3. Code
4. Coed *
5. Coil
6. Cold
7. Cool
8. Cord
9. Core
10. Cove
11. Deli
12. Dell *
13. Dice
14. Dill
15. Dire
16. Dive
17. Doer *
18. Dole
19. Doll
20. Door
21. Dove
22. Evil
23. Iced
24. Idle *
25. Idol *
26. Lice
27. Lied *

4 LETTERS

28. Live
29. Loci *
30. Loco *
31. Lode
32. Lord
33. Lore
34. Love
35. Odor
36. Oleo *
37. Olio *
38. Over
39. Redo *
40. Rice
41. Ride
42. Rile
43. Rode
44. Role
45. Roll
46. Rove
47. Veil
48. Vice
49. Vied *
50. Vile
51. Viol *
52. Void
53. Vole

5 LETTERS

1. Cello
2. Cider
3. Civil
4. Clove
5. Coder
6. Color
7. Cooed *
8. Cored
9. Cover
10. Credo *
11. Cried
12. Decor *
13. Devil
14. Dicer
15. Diver
16. Drill
17. Drive
18. Droll *
19. **Drool** ●●●
20. Drove
21. Icier *
22. Idler *
23. Lived
24. Livid *
25. Loved
26. Lover
27. Oiled

5 LETTERS

28. Older
29. Oldie *
30. Olive
31. Ovoid *
32. Relic *
33. Riced
34. Riled
35. Rodeo *
36. Roved
37. Video
38. Viler
39. Voice
40. Voile *

●●● Secret Word