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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:

It's tax time in America. Time to PAY THE PIPER. So, how many four- and five-letter words can you make from the letters in the phrase **PAY THE PIPER**? (*Note: We found **58** four-letter and **33** 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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P A Y T H E P I P E R

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ANSWERS

(Note: Other, more obscure answers are possible.)

4 LETTERS

1. Airy *
2. Aper
3. Arty *
4. Hair
5. Hare
6. Harp
7. Hart *
8. Hate
9. Heap
10. Hear
11. Heat
12. Heir *
13. Here
14. Hire
15. Hype *
16. Pair
17. Pare
18. Part
19. Pate *
20. Path
21. Pear
22. Peat
23. Peep
24. Peer
25. Pert *
26. Pier *
27. Pipe
28. Pita *
29. Pith *

4 LETTERS

30. Pity
31. Pray
32. Prep
33. Prey *
34. Pyre *
35. Rape
36. Rapt *
37. Rate
38. Reap
39. Rhea *
40. Ripe
41. Rite
42. Tape
43. Tare
44. Tarp
45. Tear
46. Thee *
47. They
48. Tier
49. Tire
50. Trap
51. Tray
52. Tree
53. Trey *
54. Trip
55. Type
56. Yeah
57. Year
58. Yeti *

5 LETTERS

1. Aerie *
2. Earth
3. Eater
4. Ether *
5. Hairy
6. **Happy** ●●●
7. Harpy *
8. Hater
9. Heart
10. Hippy
11. Hyper *
12. Irate *
13. Paper
14. Party
15. Payee *
16. Payer
17. Peppy
18. Peter
19. Pieta *
20. Piety *
21. Piper
22. Pithy *
23. Prate *
24. Repay
25. Taper
26. Tapir *
27. Teary
28. Their
29. There

5 LETTERS

30. Three
31. Thrip *
32. Tippy *
33. Tripe *

●●● Secret Word