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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 **PROFESSOR**? (Note: We found **21** 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. ERRS *
2. FOES
3. FORE
4. OOPS *
5. ORES
6. PESO *
7. POOF *
8. POOR
9. PORE
10. POSE
11. PROS
12. REFS
13. REPO *
14. REPS
15. ROES
16. ROOF
17. ROPE
18. ROSE
19. SERF *
20. SOPS *
21. SORE

5 LETTERS

1. FORES
2. PESOS *
3. POOFS *
4. PORES
5. POSER
6. POSES
7. POSSE *
8. PRESS
9. PROOF
10. PROSE
11. REPOS *
12. ROOFS *
13. ROPER
14. ROPES
15. ROSES
16. SERFS *
17. SOPOR ●●●
18. SORER
19. SORES
20. SPOOF *
21. SPORE

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