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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 **PICNIC TABLE**? (Note: We found **70** four-letter and **32** 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. ABET
2. ABLE
3. ACNE *
4. ALIT
5. ANTE
6. ANTI *
7. BAIL
8. BAIT
9. BALE
10. BANE *
11. BEAN
12. BEAT
13. BELT
14. BENT
15. BETA *
16. BILE
17. BITE
18. BLIP
19. CANE
20. CAPE
21. CENT
22. CITE
23. CLAN
24. CLAP
25. CLIP
26. ELAN *
27. EPIC *

4 LETTERS

28. LACE
29. LAIN
30. LANE
31. LATE
32. LEAN
33. LEAP
34. LENT
35. LICE
36. LIEN *
37. LINE
38. LINT
39. LITE
40. NAIL
41. NAPE
42. NEAP *
43. NEAT
44. NICE
45. NITE
46. PACE
47. PACT
48. PAIL
49. PAIN
50. PALE
51. PANE
52. PANT
53. PATE
54. PEAL

4 LETTERS

55. PEAT
56. PELT *
57. PENT
58. PILE
59. PINE
60. PINT
61. PITA
62. PLAN
63. PLEA *
64. TAIL
65. TALC *
66. TALE
67. TAPE
68. TEAL
69. TILE
70. TINE

5 LETTERS

9. CLEAN
10. CLEAT
11. ENACT *
12. INEPT *
13. INLET
14. LANCE
15. LEAPT
16. LICIT *
17. PAINT
18. PANEL
19. PANIC *
20. PECAN
21. PENAL
22. PETAL
23. PIETA *
24. PLACE
25. PLAIN
26. PLAIT *
27. PLANE
28. PLANT
29. PLATE
30. PLEAT
31. TABLE
32. TIBIA *

5 LETTERS

1. **ALIBI** ●●●
2. ALIEN
3. ANTIC *
4. BICEP *
5. BLEAT
6. CABIN
7. CABLE
8. CACTI *

●●● Secret Word