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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 **SHOOT THE MOON**? (Note: We found **52** 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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ANSWERS

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

4 LETTERS

1. EONS *
2. HEMS
3. HENS
4. HOES *
5. HOME
6. HONE
7. HOOT
8. HOSE
9. HOST
10. MESH *
11. MONO *
12. MOON
13. MOOS
14. MOOT *
15. MOST
16. MOTE
17. MOTH
18. NEST
19. NETS
20. NOES *
21. NOSE
22. NOSH *
23. NOTE
24. OHMS *
25. OMEN
26. ONES

4 LETTERS

27. ONTO
28. OOHS *
29. SENT
30. SHOE
31. SHOO
32. SHOT
33. SNOT
34. SOME
35. SOON
36. SOOT
37. STEM
38. STET *
39. TENS
40. TENT
41. TEST
42. THEM
43. THEN
44. TOES *
45. TOME
46. TOMS
47. TONE
48. TONS
49. TOON
50. TOOT
51. TOTE
52. TOTS

5 LETTERS

1. ETHOS *
2. HOMES
3. HONES
4. HOOTS
5. MONTH
6. MOONS
7. MOOSE
8. MOTES
9. MOTHS
10. MOTTO *
11. NOOSE
12. NOTES
13. OMENS *
14. ONSET *
15. SHMOE *
16. SHONE
17. SHOOT
18. SMOTE *
19. SNOOT
20. SOOTH *
21. STENO *
22. STENT
23. STONE
24. TENTH
25. TENTS
26. THOSE

5 LETTERS

27. TOMES
28. TONES
29. TOONS
30. TOOTH
31. TOOTS
32. **TOTEM** ●●●
33. TOTES

●●● Secret Word