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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 **GONE FISHIN'**? (Note: We found **38** four-letter and **12** 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. Egos
2. Eons *
3. Fens *
4. Figs
5. Fine
6. Fins
7. Fish
8. Foes *
9. Fogs
10. Fons *
11. Gins
12. Goes *
13. Gone
14. Gosh
15. Hens
16. Hies *
17. Hoes *
18. Hogs
19. Hone

4 LETTERS

20. Hose
21. Info
22. Inns
23. Ions
24. Neon *
25. Nigh *
26. Nine
27. Nogs
28. None
29. Nose
30. Nosh *
31. Ones
32. Shin
33. Shoe *
34. Sigh
35. Sign
36. Sine
37. Sing
38. Song

5 LETTERS

1. Feign *
2. Fines
3. Finis *
4. Fogie *
5. Hinge
6. Hones
7. **Neigh** ●●●
8. Nines
9. Noise
10. Shine
11. Shone
12. Singe *

●●● Secret Word