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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 **RIVERBANK**? (Note: We found **32** four-letter and **20** 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. Akin *
2. Aver *
3. Bake
4. Bane *
5. Bank
6. Bare
7. Bark
8. Barn
9. Beak
10. Bean
11. Bear
12. Bike
13. Bran *
14. Brie *
15. Earn
16. Kern *
17. Near
18. Rain
19. Rake
20. Rani *

4 LETTERS

21. Rank
22. Rare
23. Rave
24. Rear
25. Rein *
26. Rink
27. Vain
28. Vane
29. Vein
30. Verb *
31. Vibe *
32. Vine

5 LETTERS

1. Baker
2. Barer
3. Barre *
4. Biker
5. Brain
6. Brake
7. Brave
8. Break
9. Briar *
10. Brine
11. Brink
12. Knave *
13. Naïve ●●●
14. Raker
15. Raven
16. Raver *
17. Rebar *
18. Reran *
19. Riven *
20. River

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