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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:

Monday October 12 is Indigenous People's Day, when we celebrate the culture and history of Native Americans. Since the two largest tribes in North America are the Cherokee and the Navajo, let's see how many four- and five-letter words you can make from the letters in those tribal names: **CHEROKEE/NAVAHO**. *(Note: We found 37 four-letter words and 47 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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Instructions: How many four- and five-letter words can you make from the letters in the two tribal names CHEROKEE/NAVAJO? (Note: We found 37 four-letter and 47 five-letter words.)

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ANSWERS

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

4 LETTERS

1. ACHE
2. ACNE *
3. ACRE
4. AEON *
5. AERO *
6. AJAR
7. ARCH
8. AREA
9. AVER *
10. CAKE
11. CANE
12. CARE
13. CAVE
14. CHAR *
15. COHO *
16. COKE
17. CONE
18. CONK *
19. COOK

4 LETTERS

20. COON
21. CORE
22. CORK *
23. CORN
24. COVE
25. EACH
26. EARN
27. EAVE
28. ECHO *
29. EVEN
30. EVER
31. HACK
32. HAKE *
33. HANK *
34. HARE
35. HARK
36. HAVE
37. HEAR

5 LETTERS

1. ACHOO *
2. ACORN
3. ARENA
4. CANER
5. CANOE *
6. CARVE
7. CAVER
8. CHEEK
9. CHEER
10. CHOKE
11. CHORE
12. COHOE *
13. COOER *
14. COVEN
15. COVER
16. CRANE
17. CRANK
18. CRAVE
19. CREAK
20. CREEK
21. CROAK *
22. CRONE
23. CROOK
24. CROON

5 LETTERS

25. EVOKE *
26. HAVEN
27. HAVOC *
28. HEAVE
29. HENCE *
30. HERON
31. HONOR
32. HOOKA *
33. HOVER
34. JOKER
35. KNAVE *
36. KRONA *
37. **NACHO** ●●●
38. NACRE *
39. NERVE
40. NEVER
41. OAKEN
42. OCEAN
43. OCHER *
44. OCHRE *
45. RANCH
46. RAVEN
47. REACH

●●● Secret Word