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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 **WOODPECKER**? (*Note: We found **54** four-letter and **27** 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. Cede *
2. Code
3. Coed *
4. Coke
5. Cook
6. Coop
7. Cope
8. Cord
9. Core
10. Cork *
11. Crew
12. Crop
13. Crow
14. Deck
15. Deep
16. Deer
17. Dock
18. Doer *
19. Door
20. Dope *
21. Drew
22. Drop
23. Eked *
24. Ewer *
25. Keep
26. Odor *
27. Owed

4 LETTERS

28. Peck
29. Peed *
30. Peek
31. Peer
32. Perk
33. Poke
34. Poor
35. Pore *
36. Pork
37. Prod
38. Prow
39. Redo *
40. Reed
41. Reek *
42. Rock
43. Rode
44. Rook
45. Rope
46. Weed
47. Week
48. Weep
49. Were
50. Woke
51. Wood
52. Word
53. Wore
54. Work

5 LETTERS

1. Coder *
2. Coked *
3. Cooed *
4. Coped
5. Cored
6. Cowed *
7. Cower *
8. Credo *
9. Creed
10. Creek
11. Creep
12. Crepe
13. Crook
14. **Crowd** ●●●
15. Decor
16. Droop *
17. Erode
18. Pekoe *
19. Poked
20. Poker
21. Power
22. Rodeo *
23. Roped
24. Rowed
25. Wooded *
26. Wooer *
27. Wreck *

●●● Secret Word