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# Weekly Find the Words

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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 **CARPE DIEM**, which means “Sieve the day” in Latin? (*Note: We found **68** four-letter and **49** 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. Aced \*
2. Acid
3. Acme
4. Acre \*
5. Aide
6. Amid
7. Aped
8. Aper \*
9. Arid \*
10. Came
11. Camp
12. Cape
13. Card
14. Care
15. Carp \*
16. Cede \*
17. Cram \*
18. Crap
19. Dame
20. Damp
21. Dare
22. Dear
23. Deem
24. Deep
25. Deer

### 4 LETTERS

26. Dice
27. Dime
28. Dire
29. Dram \*
30. Drip
31. Emir \*
32. Epic
33. Iced
34. Idea
35. Mace
36. Made
37. Maid
38. Mare
39. Mead
40. Mere \*
41. Mica \*
42. Mice
43. Mire \*
44. Pace
45. Paid
46. Pair
47. Pare
48. Pear
49. Peed
50. Peer

### 4 LETTERS

51. Perm
52. Pica \*
53. Pied
54. Pier
55. Pram
56. Prim
57. Race
58. Raid
59. Ramp
60. Rape
61. Read
62. Ream
63. Reap
64. Reed
65. Rice
66. Ride
67. Rime
68. Ripe

### 5 LETTERS

1. Acrid \*
2. Aimed
3. Aired
4. Amped \*
5. Armed
6. Cadre \*
7. Caped
8. Caper
9. Cared
10. Cedar
11. Cider
12. Cramp
13. Cream
14. Creed
15. Creep
16. Creme \*
17. Crepe \*
18. Cried
19. Crime
20. **Crimp** ●●●
21. Deice \*
22. Derma \*
23. Dicer
24. Drape
25. Dream

### 5 LETTERS

26. Eared
27. Edema \*
28. Eider \*
29. Maced \*
30. Madre \*
31. Media \*
32. Medic \*
33. Mired
34. Paced
35. Pacer \*
36. Padre \*
37. Pared
38. Peace
39. Piece
40. Price
41. Pride
42. Pried
43. Prime
44. Raced
45. Raped
46. Rapid
47. Recap
48. Remap
49. Riced

●●● Secret Word