

Four-Letter Word Trivia

Estimated play time: Approximately 25 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

In this game, players must provide an answer for each letter of a given four-letter word. Take the word DESK, for example. If the first question were “Name an author for each letter,” four correct answers might be: Dickens (Charles); Eliot (T.S.); Steinbeck (John); King (Stephen).

Note: This is not a quick game. Be sure to give your players enough time to come up with answers.

Instructions:

1. Print out the grid on the last page. Holding the grid horizontally and writing in the slightly shaded areas, place the four-letter word down the left column (one letter per square) and the subjects across the top of each column.
2. Xerox a sheet for each player (or team of players) and pass them out.
3. Give your players five minutes to fill in as many correct answers as they can.
4. When the time has expired, read the first category and the first letter aloud and have your players say their answers out loud. As they go along, players should score their own papers, receiving 2 points for every correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. Four-Letter Word: WART
 - a. Name a sport (of any type) for each letter.
 - b. Name a world city (non-USA) for each letter.
 - c. Name something that has wheels for each letter.
 - d. Give a word that ends with the letter K and starts with each letter.

2. Four-Letter Word: COGS
 - a. Name an article of clothing (of any type) for each letter.
 - b. Name a human body part for each letter.
 - c. Name a musical instrument for each letter.
 - d. Name a movie (past or present) for each letter.

3. Four-Letter Word: DAMP
 - a. Name an animal for each letter.
 - b. Name an occupation for each letter.
 - c. Name a world country for each letter.
 - d. Name an over-the-counter medicine (of any type) for each letter.

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ANSWERS

(Other correct answers are possible.)

1. WART
 - a. Wrestling, Archery, Rugby, Tennis
 - b. Warsaw, Amsterdam, Rome, Tokyo
 - c. Wagon, Ambulance, Roller Skates, Train
 - d. Whisk, Ask, Rock, Trick

2. COGS
 - a. Coat, Overalls, Gown, Shirt
 - b. Cartilage, Ovaries, Gallbladder, Stomach
 - c. Cello, Oboe, Guitar, Saxophone
 - d. Casablanca, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Gone With the Wind, Spartacus

3. DAMP
 - a. Deer, Aardvark, Moose, Panda
 - b. Doctor, Attorney, Mathematician, Police Officer
 - c. Denmark, Australia, Mexico, Poland
 - d. DayQuil, Aspirin, Metamucil, Pepto-Bismol

