

Wednesday Challenge – Longest Word

In order to play this, you need:

- ideally mum or dad or both and/or your older siblings
- a timer
- pencil and paper.

On the next page, you will see five lines, each one with a letter at the beginning and a letter at the end of a line. Every player is required to find the longest possible word with those initial and final letters in the given time. The player with the most letters overall (i.e. the sum of all five words) wins.

Rules:

- 5 min on the timer
- no hyphenated words allowed
- no proper nouns or adjectives (i.e. no words starting with a capital letter) allowed
- to make it easier, count all the letters, including the given ones
- no dictionaries allowed
- family to decide how to deal with blatant spelling mistakes

Tip:

. Encourage the children to think about suffixes (endings), e.g. G → -ing or D → -ed or Y → -ly or -ology or -cally

Example:

B _____ D

Possible answers:

Battled – 7 letters

Bedazzled – 9 letters

Bareheaded – 10 letters

Butterfingers – 14 letters

This week's challenge is on the next page. (Each family will have to check their own answers.)

D _____ D

E _____ S

T _____ G

A _____ N

M _____ Y