

# COMMON 4x4 WORDSQUARES

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In a companion article, the editor estimates the number of m-letter words to be drawn at random from the dictionary in order to have a reasonable expectation of forming an mxm word square. This is a task admirably suited to the computer, which can take a list of words and check all possible combinations for potential squares. To show what can be done, I took the 298 four-letter words in my spell checker and formed a total of 153 4x4 word squares, somewhat more than the editor's prediction of 67. (The editor suggests that the support should be only 84, not the 104 calculated in his article.) In a similar effort, the computer was unable to form a 5x5 word square using 320 words from my spell

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able also area arms army away back ball bank base been best bill blue  
boat body bond book both boys call came camp card care cars case cash  
cent city club code cold come copy cost dark data date days dead deal  
deep desk died does dogs done door down drop duty each east easy edge  
else even ever eyes face fact fair fall farm fast fear feel fees feet  
fell felt file fill film find fine fire firm five food foot form four  
free from full fund game gave girl give glad goes gone good gray hair  
half hall hand hard have head hear heat held hell help here high hold  
home hope hour idea inch into item jack jazz jobs John join June just  
keep kept kind king knew know lack lady laid land last late laws lead  
left less life like line lips list live loan long look lord loss lost  
lots love made mail main make many Mary mass mean meet Mike mind miss  
more most move much must name near neck need news next nice nine none  
note once only open over page paid pain park part pass past pays pipe  
plan play plus poet pool poor post race rate read real rent rest risk  
road role room said sale same save says seek seem seen self sell send  
sent sets ship shop show side sign size sold some soon sort stay step  
stop such sure take talk team tell term test than that them then they  
thin this thus time tire told tone took town trip true turn type unit  
upon urge used very vice view vote wage wait wall want ways week well  
went were west what when whom wide wife will wine wire wish with word  
work year York your

away were area year	base away sale eyes	call area left late
away wire area year	base away same eyes	call area less last
ball area lead lady	base away save eyes	came away made eyes
ball area left late	bill idea lead lady	came away make eyes
ball area less last	bill idea left late	card area rent data
base area sets east	bill idea less last	card area rent date
base area sets easy	call area lead lady	card area rest data

card	area	rest	date	hall	area	less	last	plus	line	unit	sets
care	away	race	eyes	hand	area	near	dark	race	away	came	eyes
care	away	rate	eyes	hand	area	next	data	race	away	care	eyes
cars	area	real	sale	hand	area	next	date	race	away	case	eyes
case	area	sets	east	hard	area	rent	data	rate	away	take	eyes
case	area	sets	easy	hard	area	rent	date	sale	area	less	east
case	away	sale	eyes	hard	area	rest	data	sale	area	less	easy
case	away	same	eyes	hard	area	rest	date	sale	away	late	eyes
case	away	save	eyes	kind	idea	near	dark	same	away	made	eyes
cash	area	seen	hand	kind	idea	next	data	same	away	make	eyes
cash	area	sell	half	kind	idea	next	date	show	have	over	were
cash	area	sell	hall	know	nine	once	week	show	hope	open	went
date	away	take	eyes	know	none	once	week	stay	tire	area	year
east	area	seek	take	land	area	near	dark	than	here	area	near
east	area	sell	talk	land	area	next	data	that	here	area	team
face	away	came	eyes	land	area	next	date	that	here	arms	test
face	away	care	eyes	last	area	seek	take	thus	here	urge	seek
face	away	case	eyes	last	area	sell	talk	thus	here	urge	seem
fact	away	camp	type	late	away	take	eyes	thus	here	urge	seen
fall	area	lead	lady	laws	area	well	sale	thus	hope	upon	send
fall	area	left	late	life	idea	fees	east	thus	hope	upon	sent
fall	area	less	last	life	idea	fees	easy	used	sale	else	deep
farm	area	read	made	line	idea	news	east	used	side	edge	deep
fast	area	seek	take	line	idea	news	easy	wage	away	game	eyes
fast	area	sell	talk	list	idea	seek	take	wage	away	gave	eyes
file	idea	less	east	list	idea	sell	talk	wall	area	lead	lady
file	idea	less	easy	made	away	date	eyes	wall	area	left	late
fill	idea	lead	lady	mass	area	seem	same	wall	area	less	last
fill	idea	left	late	mass	area	sell	sale	want	area	neck	take
fill	idea	less	last	mind	idea	near	dark	what	here	area	team
film	idea	lead	made	mind	idea	next	data	what	here	arms	test
film	idea	less	mass	mind	idea	next	date	wife	idea	fees	east
find	idea	near	dark	miss	idea	seem	same	wife	idea	fees	easy
find	idea	next	data	miss	idea	sell	sale	will	idea	lead	lady
find	idea	next	date	name	away	made	eyes	will	idea	left	late
fine	idea	news	east	name	away	make	eyes	will	idea	less	last
fine	idea	news	easy	nine	idea	news	east	wine	idea	news	east
firm	idea	read	made	nine	idea	news	easy	wine	idea	news	easy
game	away	made	eyes	page	away	game	eyes	wish	idea	seen	hand
game	away	make	eyes	page	away	gave	eyes	wish	idea	sell	half
girl	idea	read	lady	part	area	real	talk	wish	idea	sell	hall
girl	idea	rent	late	pass	area	seem	same	wish	into	step	hope
girl	idea	rest	late	past	area	seek	take	wish	into	stop	hope
half	area	less	fast	past	area	seek	take	with	idea	tell	half
hall	area	lead	lady	past	area	sell	talk	with	idea	tell	hall
hall	area	left	late								