

5 Letter Word

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Int. Bedroom - Night

A girl GABBIE awakens, confused unfamiliar with her surroundings. She scans the room.

GABBIE gets up out of the bed and tries the door. It's locked from the other side.

A letter slides underneath the gap at the bottom of the door.

GABBIE bends over and picks up the folded paper. A pencil rolls out and falls to the floor.

The note reads: DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU ARE HERE?

It's followed by two little checkboxes one for yes twice for no. The kind of note you remember getting from your crush when you were 8 years old.

GABBIE picks up the pencil and checks the box for no. She folds the paper and slips it back under the door, keeping the pencil.

Some time passes and another note appears. GABBIE unfolds it

YOU DID SOMETHING BAD. YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS. ADMIT IT AND I'LL let YOU OUT.

She scribbles a return message on the bottom of the paper.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FROM ME. I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

GABBIE slips the note back under the door.

A new piece of paper follows.

FINE LET'S PLAY A GAME. I'LL LET YOU GUESS WHAT YOU DID WRONG. IT'S A WORD FIVE LETTERS, GUESS WHAT IT IS AND I'LL LET YOU GO. GET IT WRONG AND NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY AGAIN. YOU HAVE SIX CHANCES.

GABBIE panicked writes in a hurry.

I DON'T WANT TO PLAY YOUR GAME. PLEASE JUST LET ME GO.

GABBIE slides the note back to her mystery conversation partner.

A new message comes through the door.

THAT'S NOT A GUESS. BREAK THE RULES AGAIN AND LOSE THE GAME IMMEDIATELY. TAKE YOUR FIRST TURN

GABBIE ponders tapping the pencil on the floor.

OUTDO

She folds the paper and slides it back again.

The paper comes back.

OUTDO? Conceited much? 5 more guesses.

FLIRT

The paper returns.

NOT EVERYTHING IS ABOUT WHO YOU'RE BOY OF THE WEEK IS. GUESS AGAIN.

GABBIE getting more concerned with every turn writes again on the paper.

DITCH

GABBIE slides back the paper.

IT comes back.

ARE YOU EVEN TRYING? 3 MORE TURNS.

GABBIE

You don't have to do this. I promise  
if you just let me go I won't tell  
anyone.

Another note slides under the door.

NO TALKING. PLAY THE GAME. IT'S YOUR ONLY WAY OUT.

GABBIE picks up the pencil.

UPSET

GABBIE folds the paper and sends it back through.

It comes back again.

UPSET? THIS GOES WAY BEYOND THAT. TRY HARDER YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF CHANCES.

Her hands shaking and her nerves shot GABBIE tries again.

CHEAT

GABBIE carefully hands shaking slots the note under the door.

The paper is jammed back through the slot in the door. GABBIE picks it up.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE BETTER AT THIS. MAYBE YOU WANT TO DIE. YOU COULD JUST GIVE UP. EITHER WAY THIS IS YOUR LAST TRY.

GABBIE Summons her remaining strength and makes her last guess.

STEAL

GABBIE slides the paper back. The paper returns for the final time.

THAT'S THE WRONG ANSWER THE WORD WE WERE LOOKING FOR IS BULLY.

NOW WE ARE GOING TO PLAY A NEW GAME. IT'S CALLED HOW SHOULD KILL YOU?

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