



WORD LADDERS

# Climb the Ladder

Change one letter at a time to turn the top word into the bottom word. Every step must be a real word.

3 STEPS

**CASH**

**BANK**

4 STEPS

**COLD**

**WARM**

4 STEPS

**MEET**

**CALL**

8 STEPS

**WORK**

**REST**



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ANSWERS AND DIRECTIONS · DO NOT HAND OUT

## WHY IT WORKS

A puzzle with many right paths, so teams compare routes and learn how each other thinks. Good before a strategy session.

Problem solving

Spelling

Persistence

## HOW TO PLAY · 7 to 10 MINUTES

1. Split the room into teams of 2 to 4, or play as one big group.
2. Hand out page 1 only. Keep this page with the host.
3. Set a timer, then read the answers out loud and let teams score themselves.
4. Give 7 minutes.
5. Any valid path counts, not just the one on this page.

## ANSWERS

**1 CASH to BANK** CASH → CASK → BASK → BANK

**2 COLD to WARM** COLD → CORD → CARD → WARD → WARM

**3 MEET to CALL** MEET → MELT → MALT → MALL → CALL

**4 WORK to REST** WORK → WORD → LORD → LORE → LOSE → LOST → LIST → LEST → REST

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