# Word Ladders

Grades 1-2

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## To my own children—Mike, Emily, Mary, and Jenny—Word Wizards in their own right.

A father couldn't ask for better kids.



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### **Welcome to Word Ladders!**

In this book you'll find more than 150 miniword-study lessons that are also kid-pleasing games! To complete each Word Ladder takes just ten minutes but actively involves each learner in analyzing the structure and meaning of words. To play, students begin with one word and then make a series of other words by changing or rearranging the letters in the word before. With regular use, Word Ladders can go a long way toward developing your students' decoding and vocabulary skills.

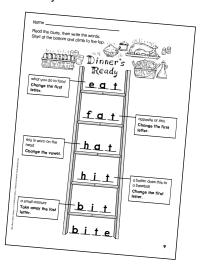
### **How do Word Ladders work?**

Let's say our first Word Ladder begins with the word walk. The directions will tell students to change one letter in walk to make a word that means "to speak." The word students will make, of course, is talk. The directions for the next word will then ask students to make a change in talk to form another word—perhaps tale, or tall. Students will form new words as they work up the ladder until they reach the top rung. The final word is in some way related to the first word—for example, run. If students get stuck on a rung along the way, they can come back to it, because the words before and after will give them the clues they need to go on.

### How do Word Ladders benefit students?

Word Ladders are great for building students' decoding, phonics, spelling, and vocabulary skills. When students add, take away, or rearrange letters to make a new word from one they have just made, they must examine sound-symbol relationships closely. This is just the kind of analysis that all children need to do in order to learn how to decode and spell accurately. And when the puzzle

adds a bit of meaning in the form of a definition (for example, "make a word that means to say something"), it helps extend students' understanding of words and concepts. All of these skills are key to students' success in learning to read and write. So even though Word Ladders will feel like a game, your students will be practicing essential literacy skills at the same time!



### How do I teach a Word Ladder lesson?

Word Ladders are incredibly easy and quick to implement. Here are four simple steps:

- **1.** Choose a Word Ladder to try. (The first five feature easier ladders, so you may want to start with those.)
- **2.** Make a copy of the Word Ladder for each student.
- 3. Choose whether you want to do the Word Ladder with the class as a whole, or have students work alone, in pairs, or in groups. If students are emergent readers, you might read the clues to them and use a think-aloud method to model how to complete the activity. In addition, you might display a copy on the overhead



projector to demonstrate how to fill in the word on each rung. As their skills develop, students can begin doing the Word Ladders independently.

4. At each new word, students will see two clues: the kinds of changes they need to make to the previous word ("change the first letter," "change the vowel," and so on), and a definition of or clue to the meaning of the word. Sometimes this clue will be a sentence in which the word is used in context but is left out for children to fill in. Move from word to word in this way, up the whole Word Ladder.



Look for the **Bonus Boxes** with stars. These are particularly difficult words, or words with multiple meanings, that you may want to preteach. Or you can do these ladders as a group so that children will not get stuck on this rung.

That's the lesson in a nutshell! It should take no longer than ten minutes to do. Once you're done, you might extend the lessons by having students sort the words into various categories. This can help them deepen their understanding of word relationships. For instance, they could sort them into:

- Grammatical categories. (Which words are nouns? Verbs?)
- Word structure. (Which words have a long vowel and which don't? Which contain a consonant blend? Which begin with a vowel? Which end with a silent e)
- Word meaning. (Which words express

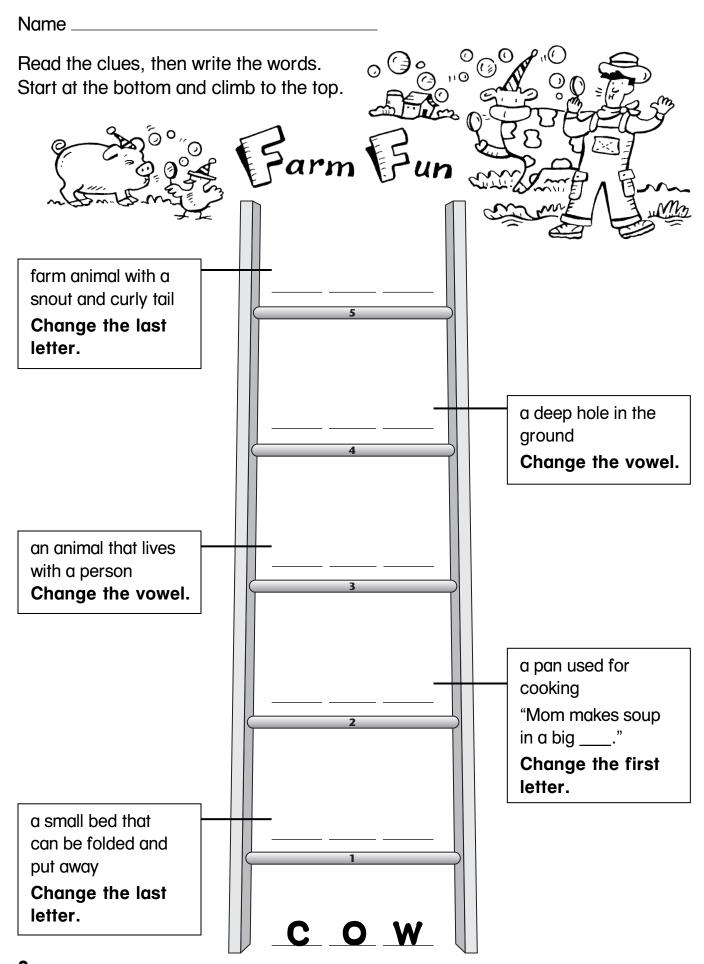
what a person can do or feel? Which do not?)

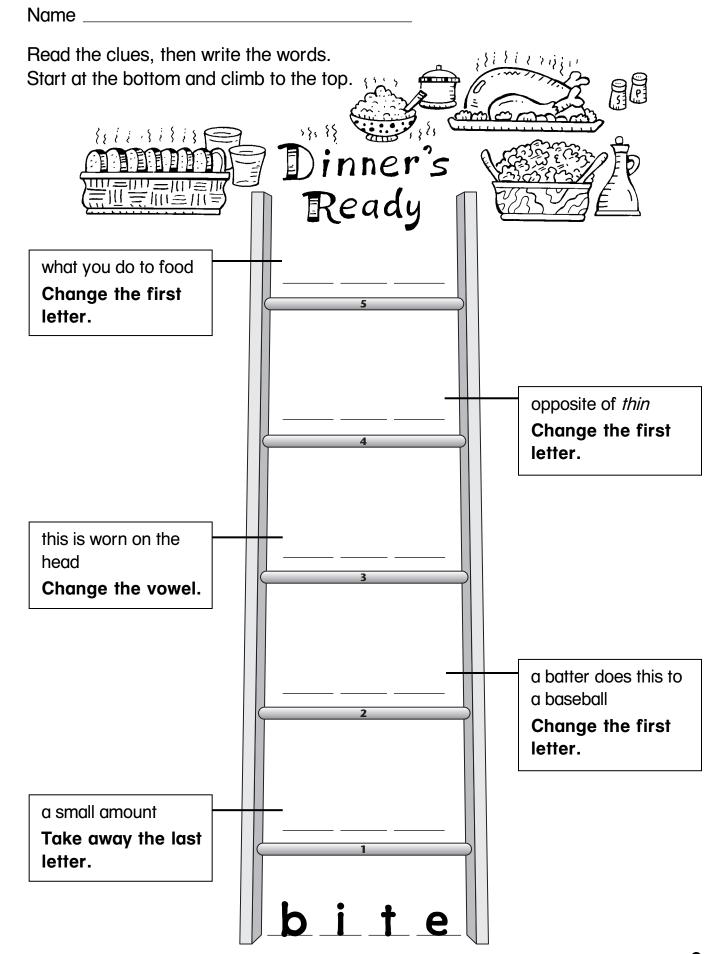
Additionally, you can create your own Word Ladders using copies of the blank puzzles on pages 166–168. Or you might invite students to make their own puzzles to exchange with classmates.

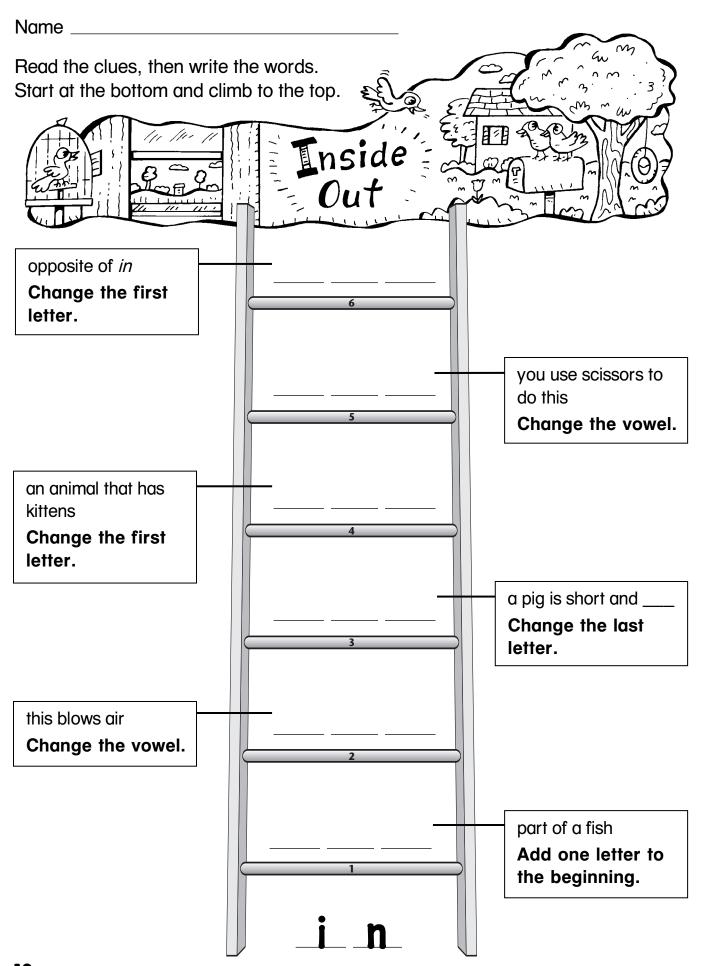
# Tips for Working With Word Ladders

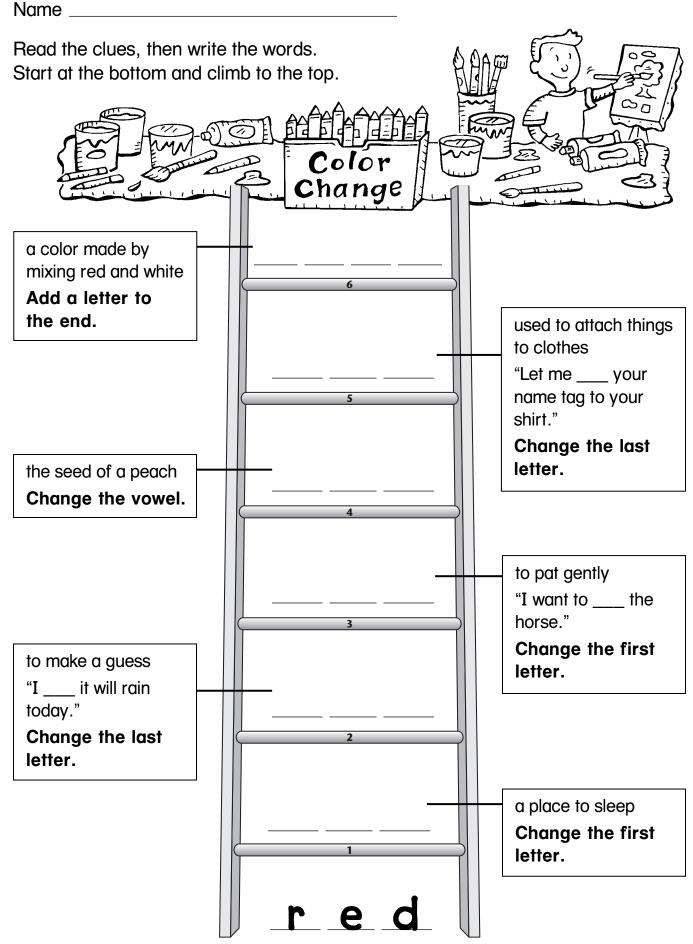
Try these tips to give students extra help in doing the Word Ladders:

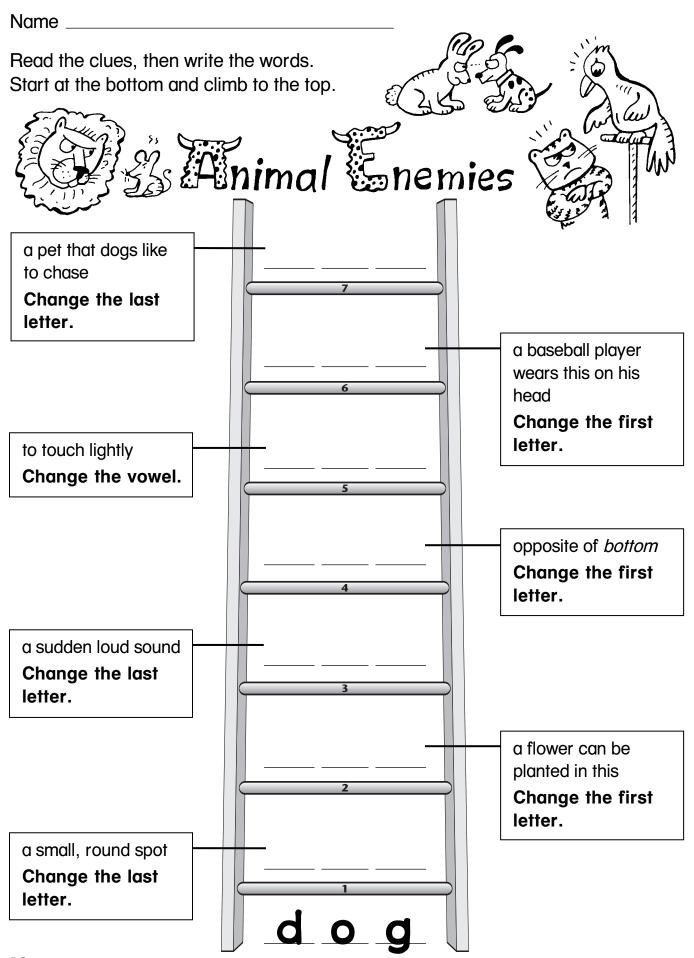
- List all the "answers" for the ladder (that is, the words for each rung) in random order on the board. Have students choose words from the list to complete the puzzle.
- Add your own clues to give students extra help as they work through each rung of a ladder. A recent event in your classroom or community could even inspire clues for words.
- If students are stuck on a particular rung, you might simply say the word aloud and see if students can spell it correctly by making appropriate changes in the previous word. Elaborate on the meanings of the words as students move their way up the ladder.
- Challenge students to come up with alternative definitions for the same words. Many words, like *bat*, *pet*, *bill*, and *lot*, have multiple meanings.
- Once students complete a ladder, add the words to a word wall. Encourage students to use the words in their speaking and writing.

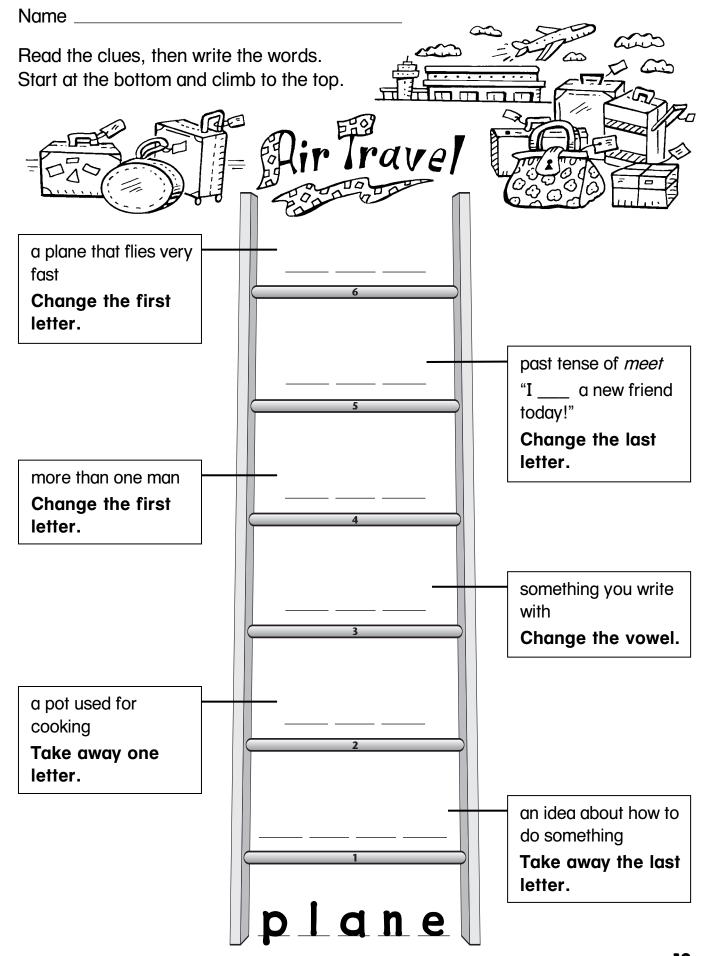


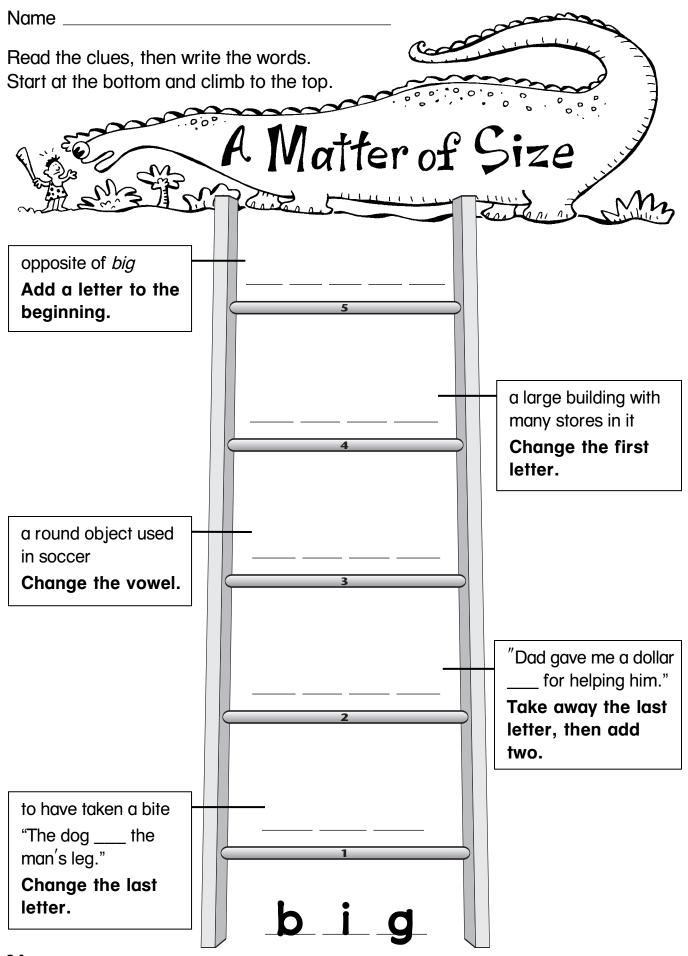




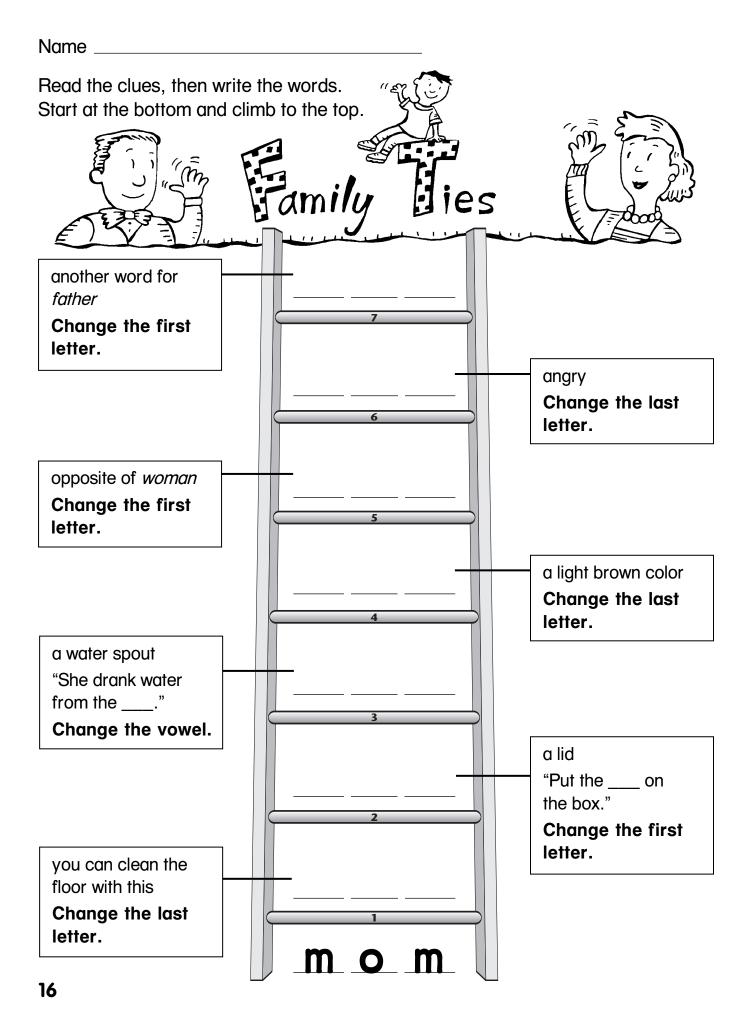






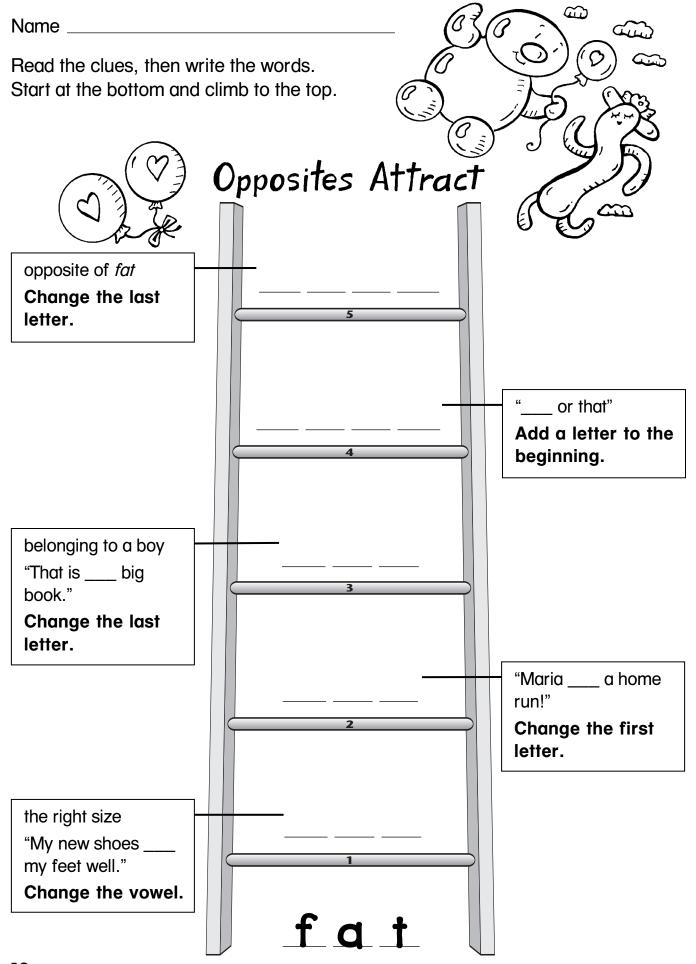


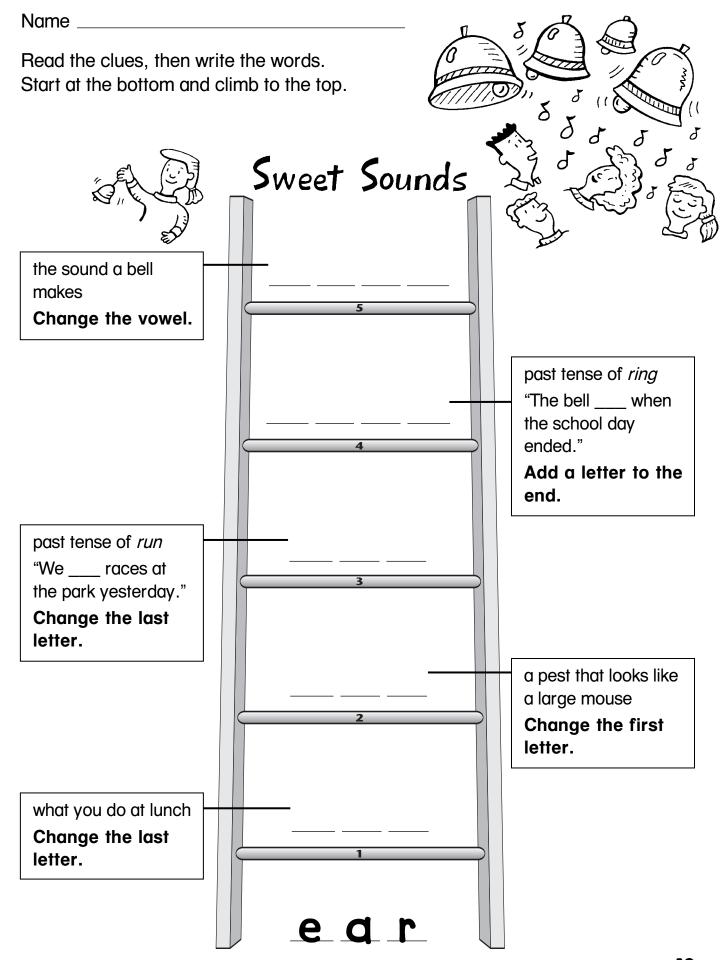
Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. Around the Clock part of the sound a clock makes "Tick-\_\_\_" Change the first letter. another word for stone Change the vowel. a shelf in the oven "Bake the pizza on the top \_\_\_\_." Change the first letter. another word for bag Change the vowel. not feeling well Change the first letter.

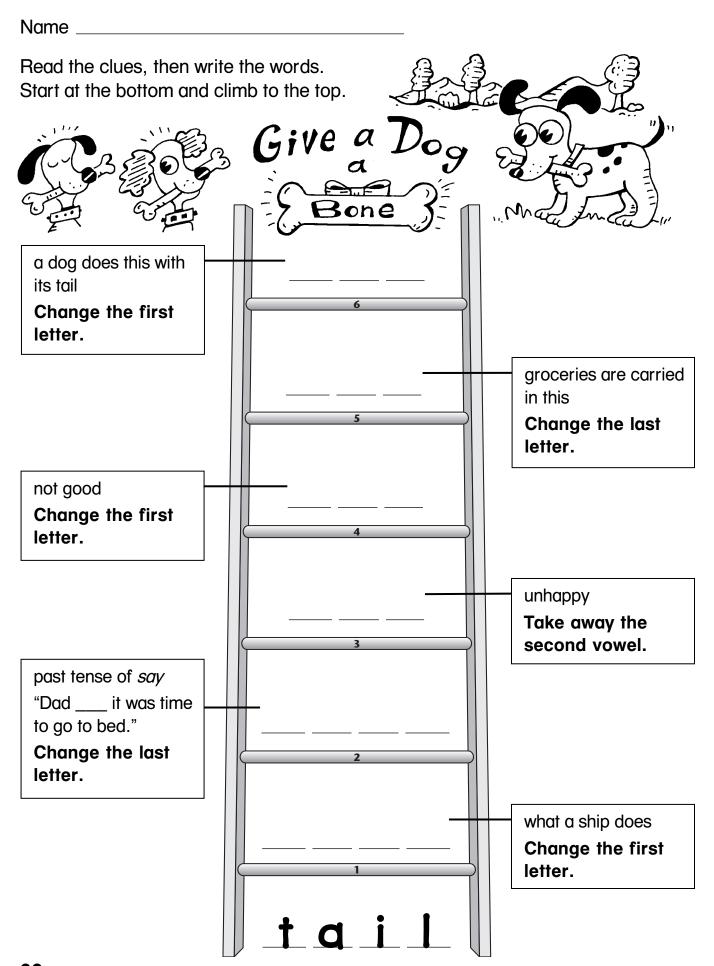


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a pet that barks  Change the vowel.	7	
	6	to make a hole in the ground  Change the first letter.
pork comes from this farm animal  Change the last letter.	5	
	4	a cherry seed Change the vowel.
an animal that is taken care of by people Change the first letter.	3	
a piece of land	2	to allow  "The teacher me lead the song."  Change the vowel.
"Dad parked the car in the parking"  Change the first letter.	hot	

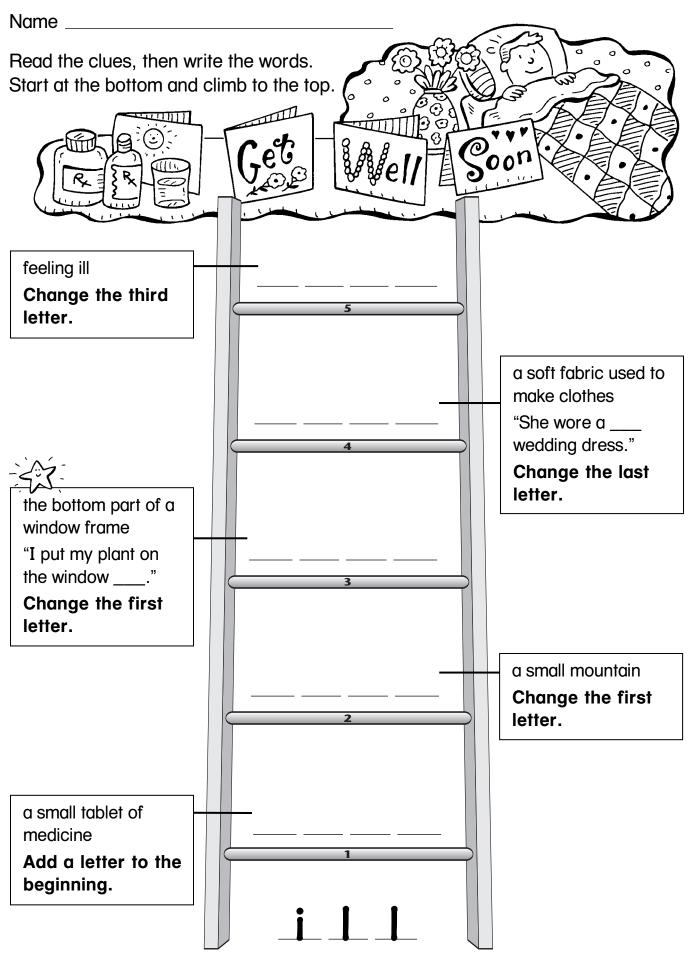






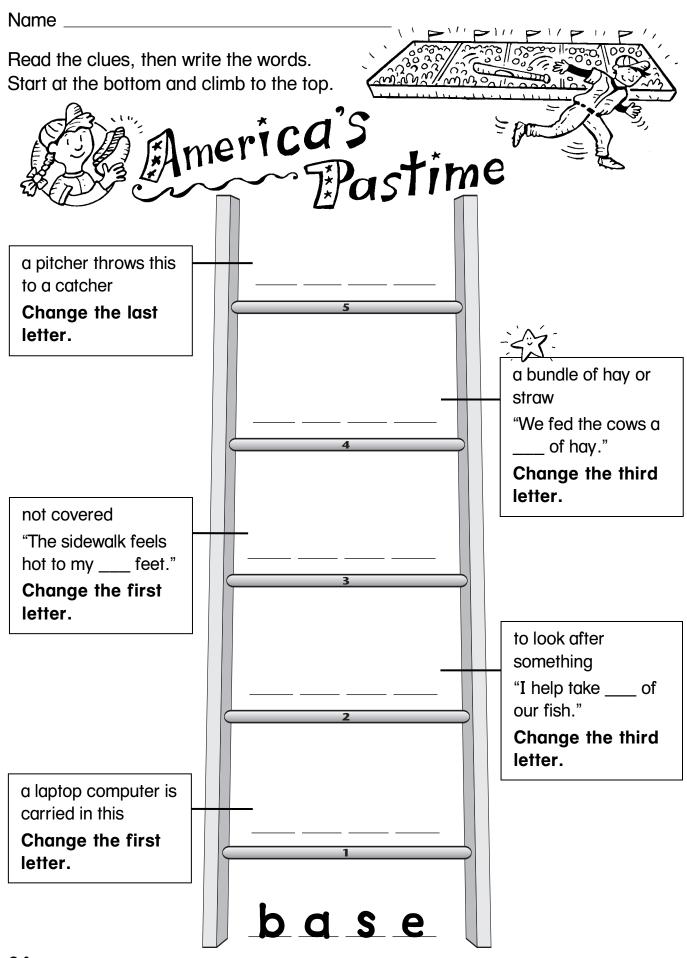


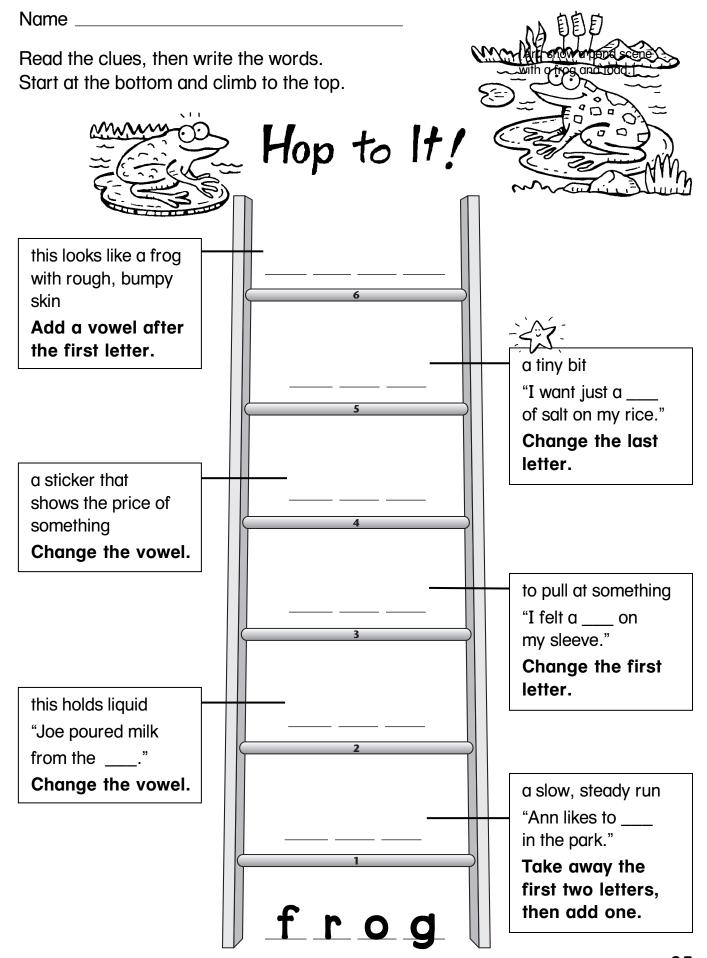
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moving much faster than a walk	<del> -</del>	
Change the first letter.	5	
	4	enjoyment in doing something "We have dancing to the music."  Take away the last two letters, then add one.
to hold as much as possible	<del> </del>	
"The pot is of water."	3	
Change the vowel.		
		to drop to the ground "I saw him off the chair." Change the first letter.
this stands between two rooms	<b>⊢</b> Ⅱ	
Change the last letter.	1	
	walk	

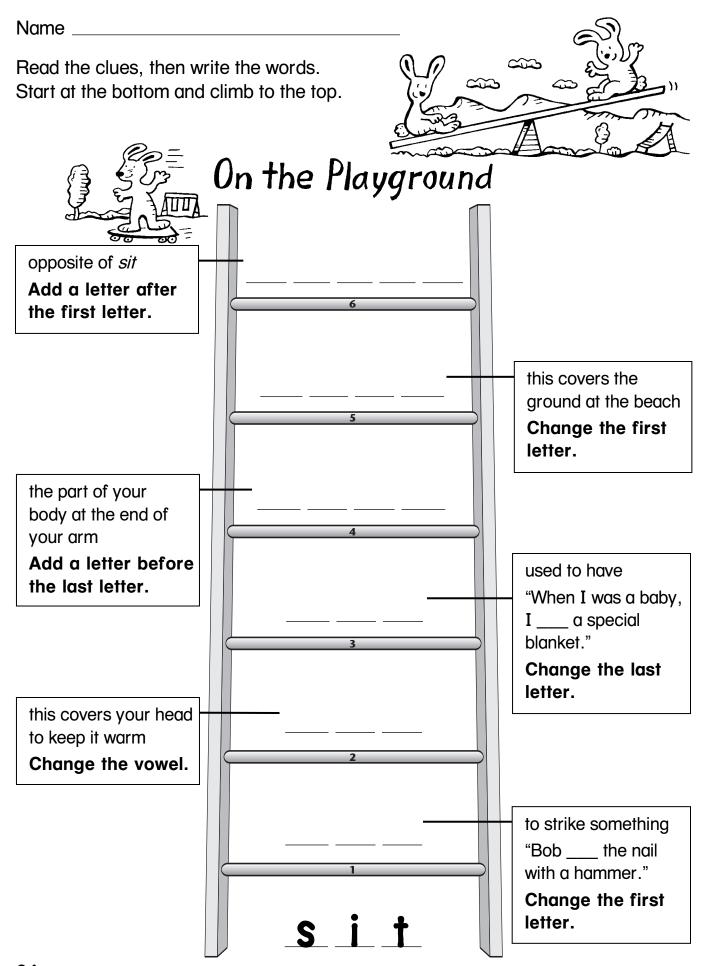


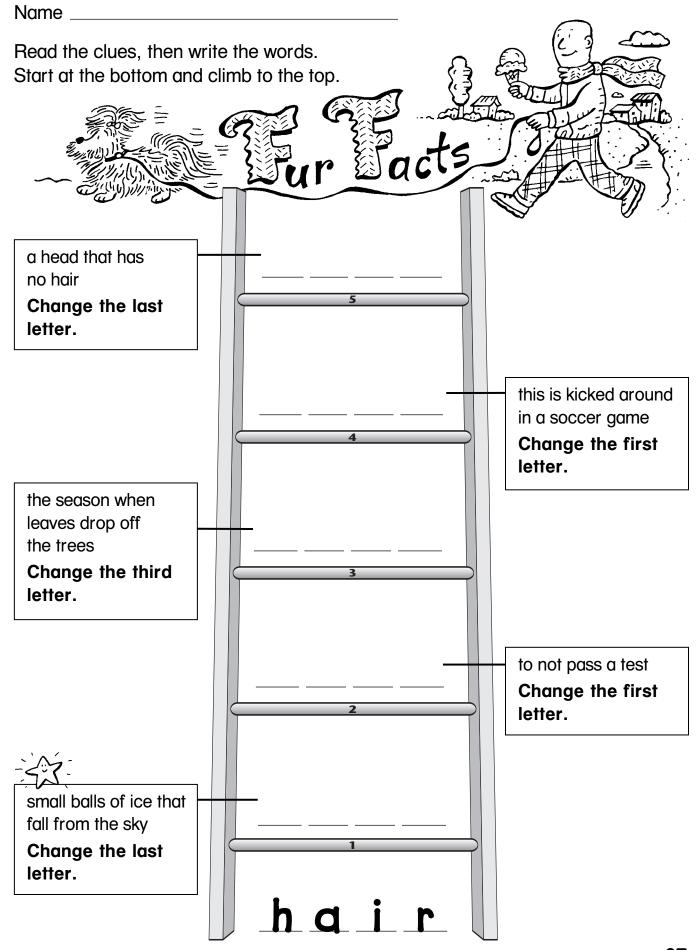
Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. In the Can to be able to "I \_\_\_\_ ride a bike!" Change the last letter. a pet that purrs Take away the third letter. a doctor puts this on a broken arm or leg Change the last letter. another word for money Take away the second letter. this happens when two cars run into each other Change the first letter. trash

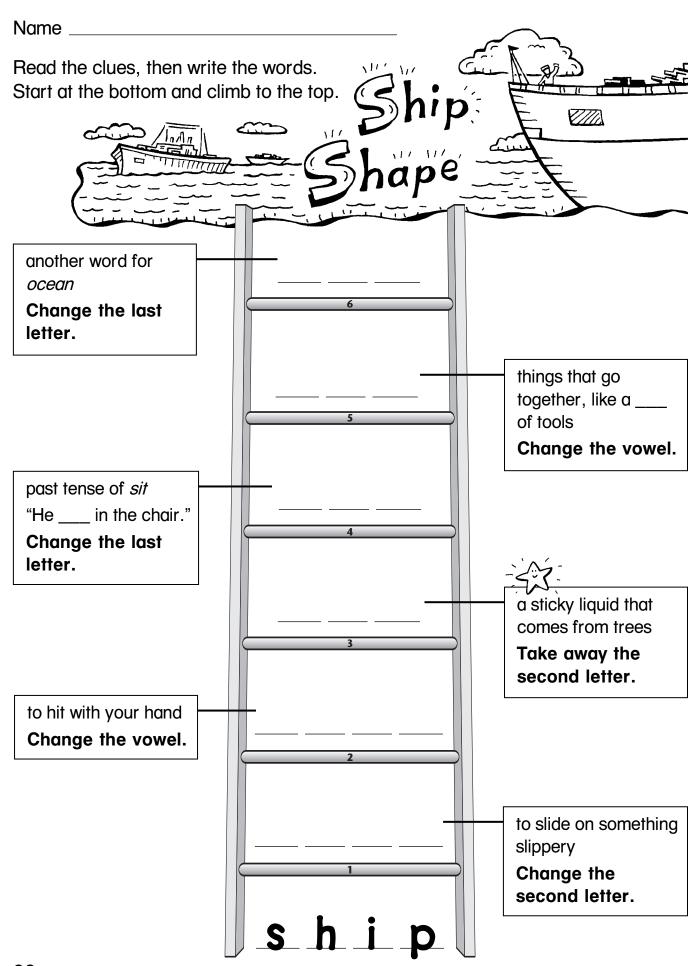


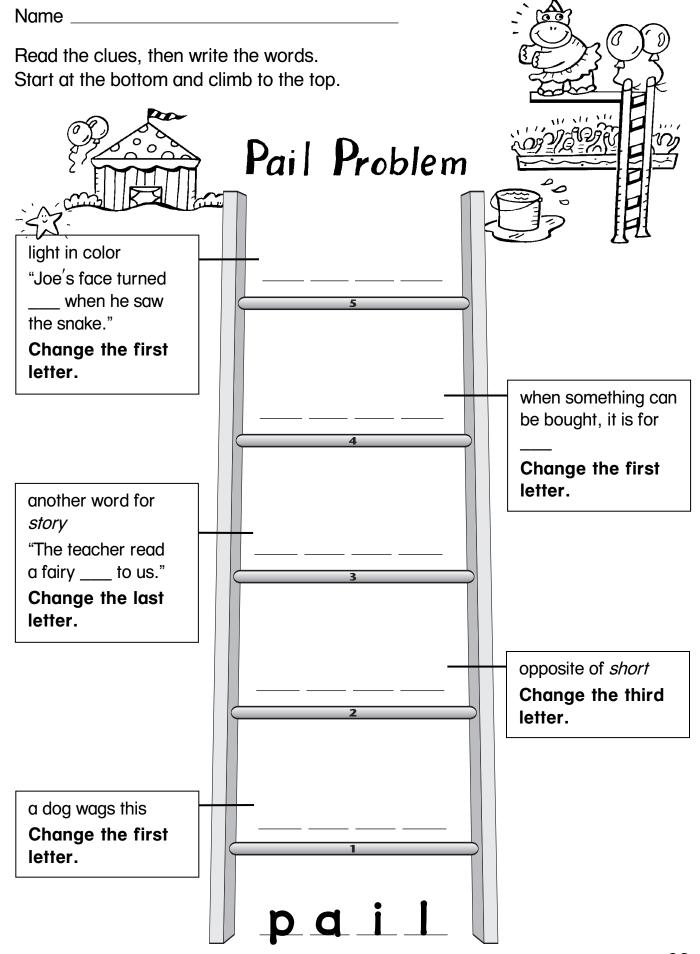


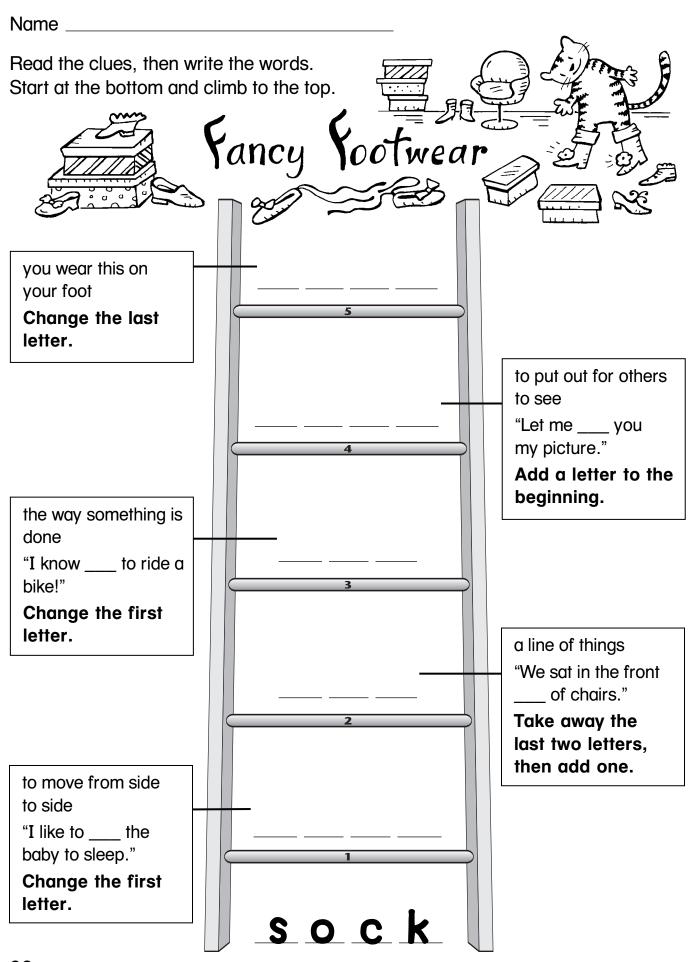


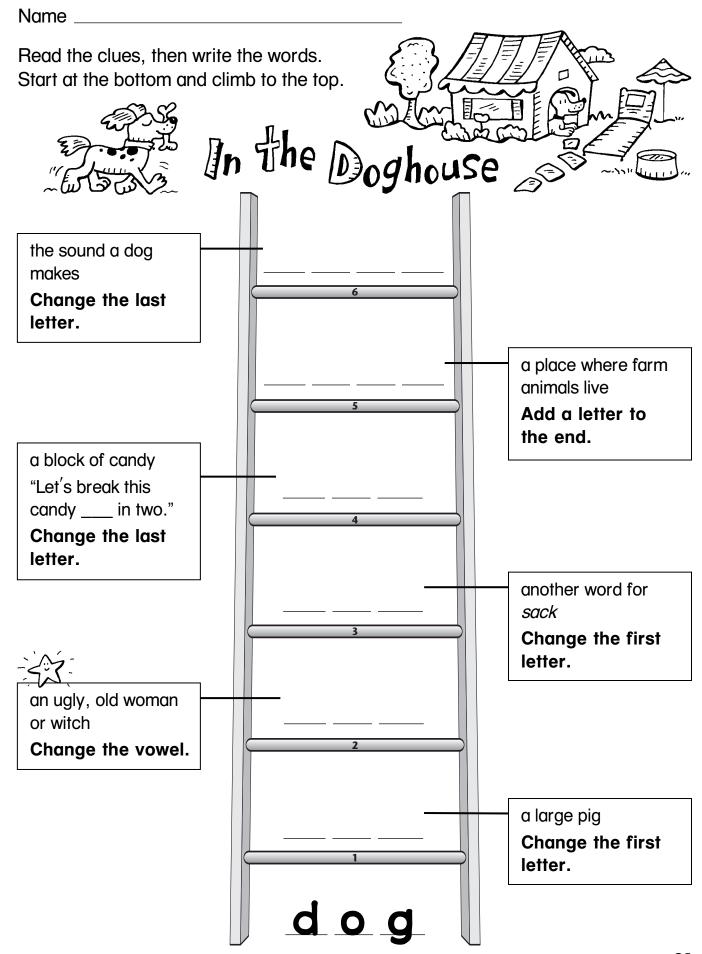


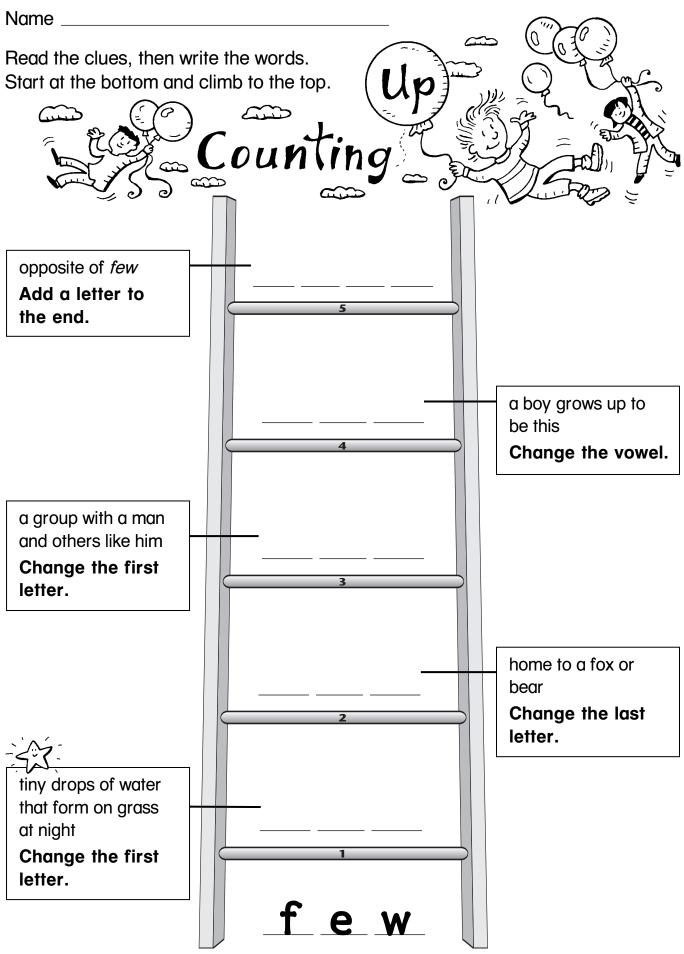


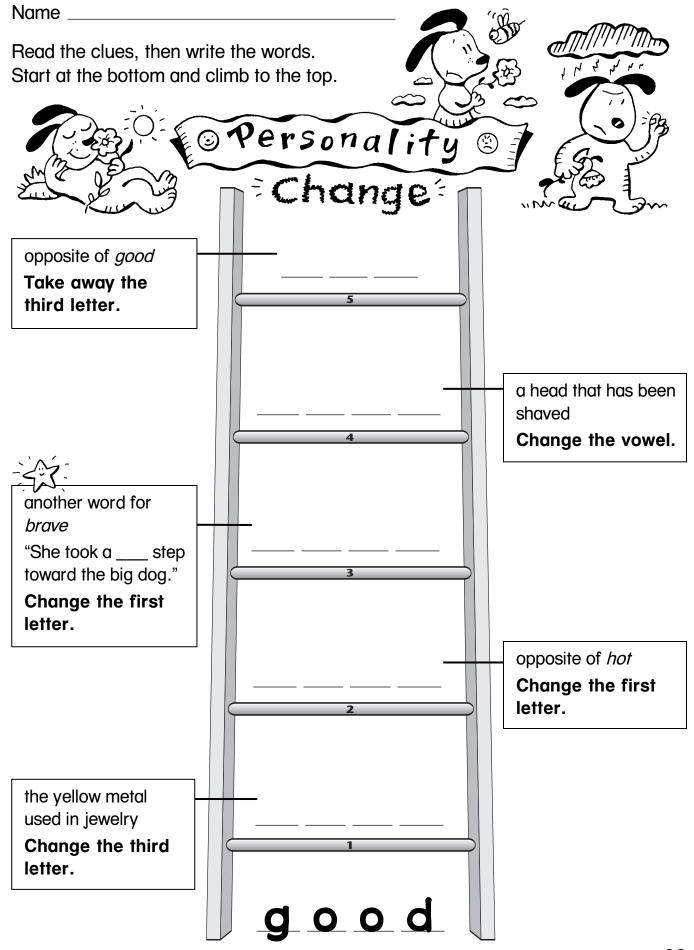


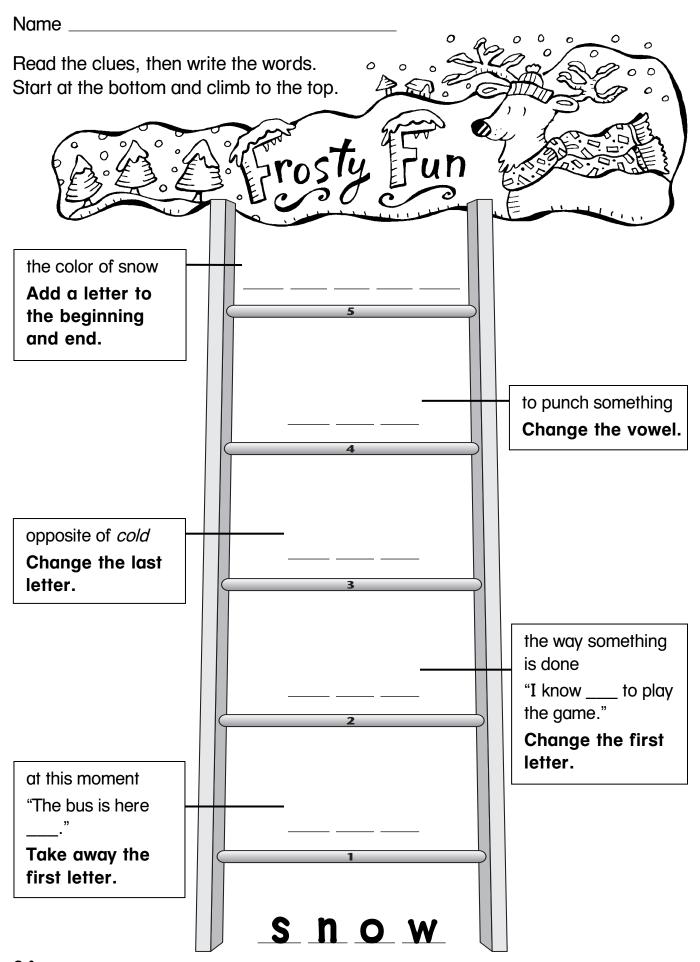




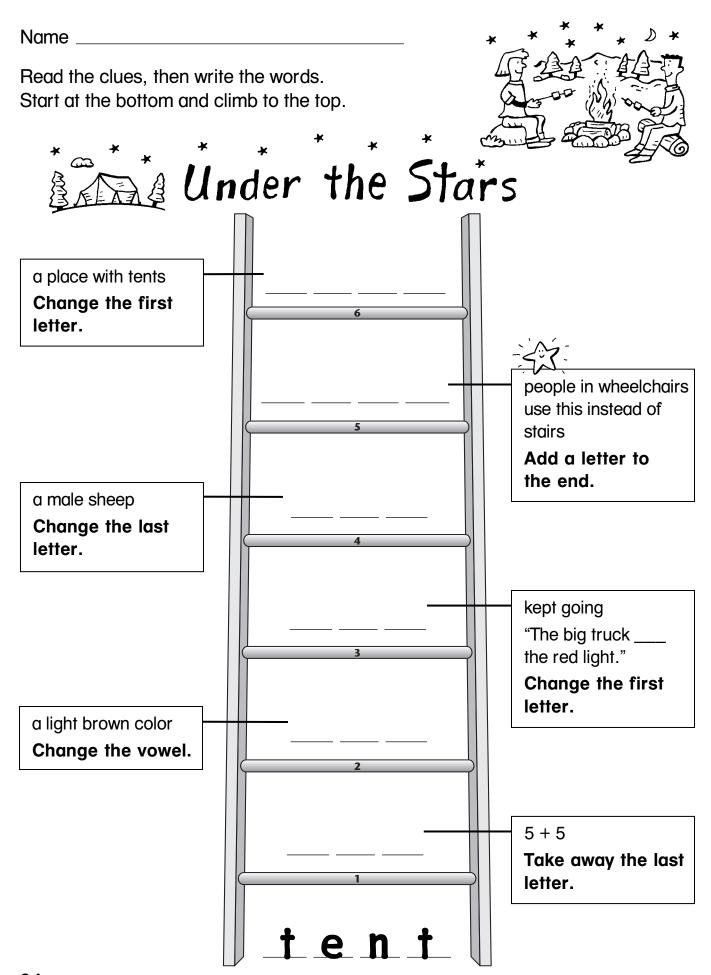


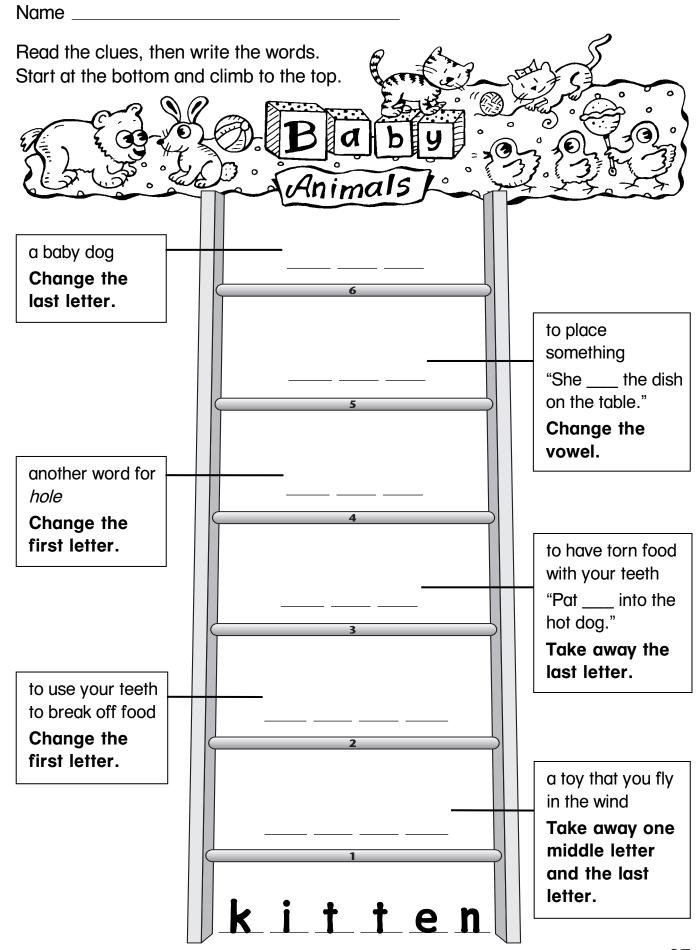


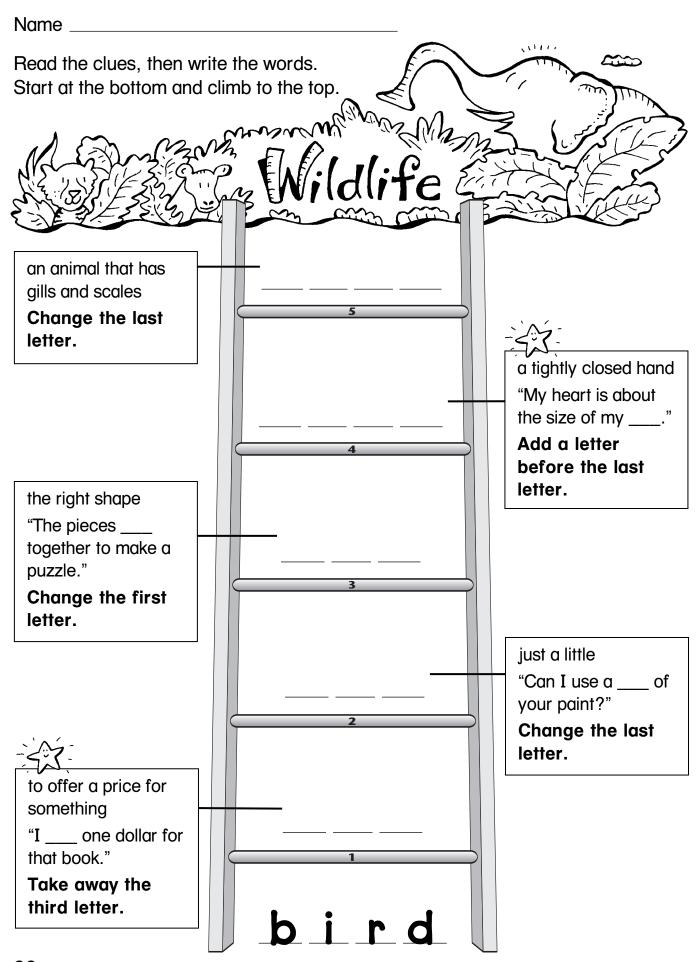




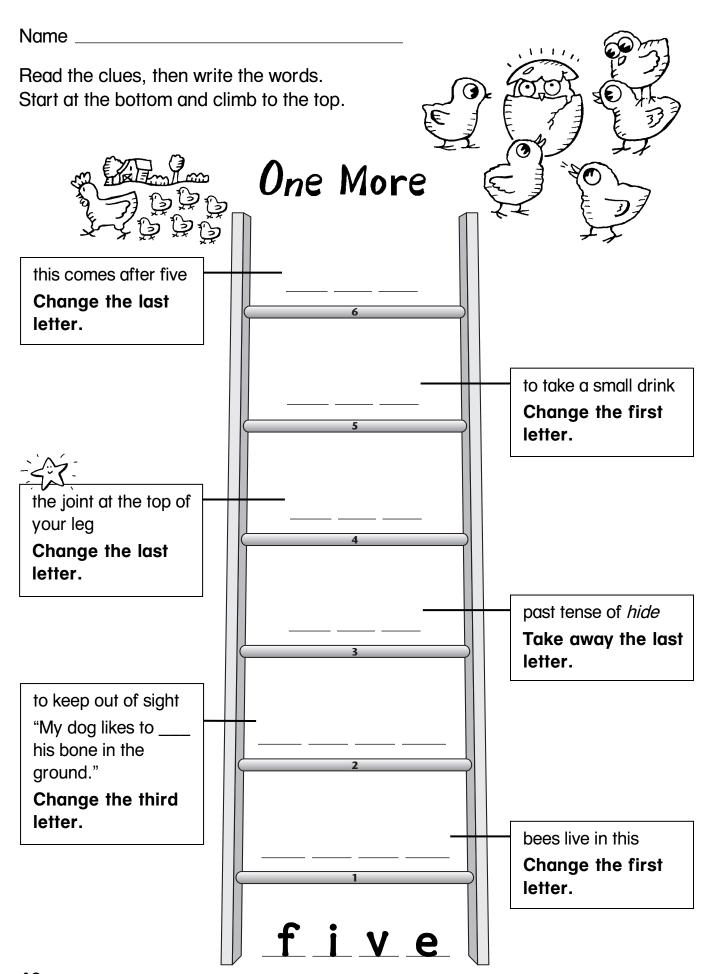
Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. Warm and Cozy this burns wood Change the first letter. a metal thread used to connect things "The \_\_\_\_ to my earphones is very long." Change the first vowel. past tense of wear "Todd new shoes yesterday." Change the first letter. not exciting, dull "This movie is a real Change the last letter. your birthday falls on the day you were \_\_\_\_ Change the vowel. <u>burn</u>



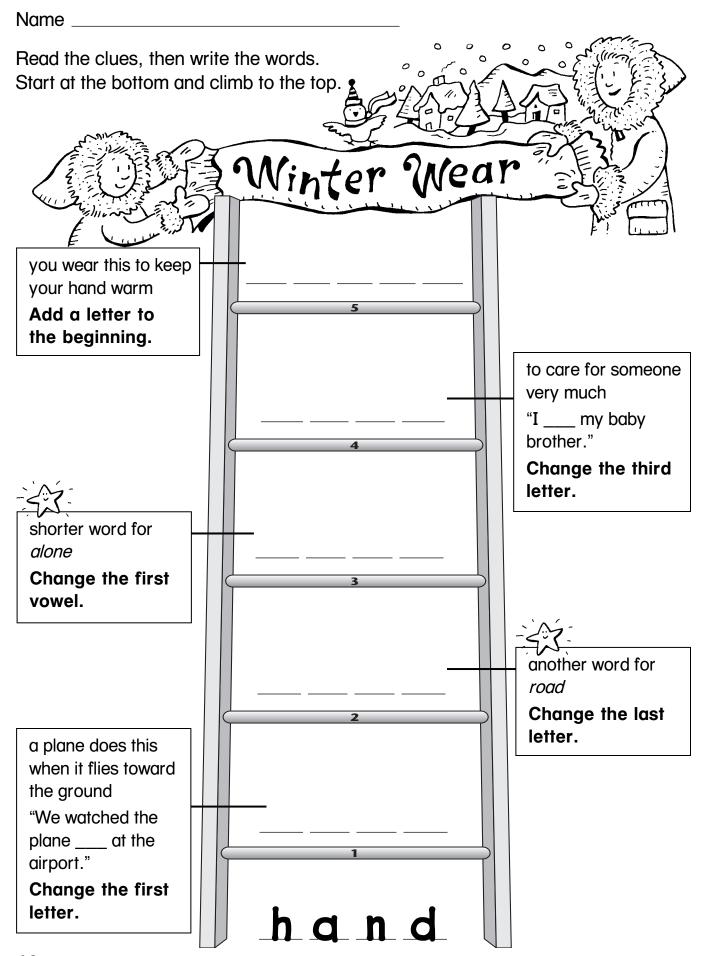


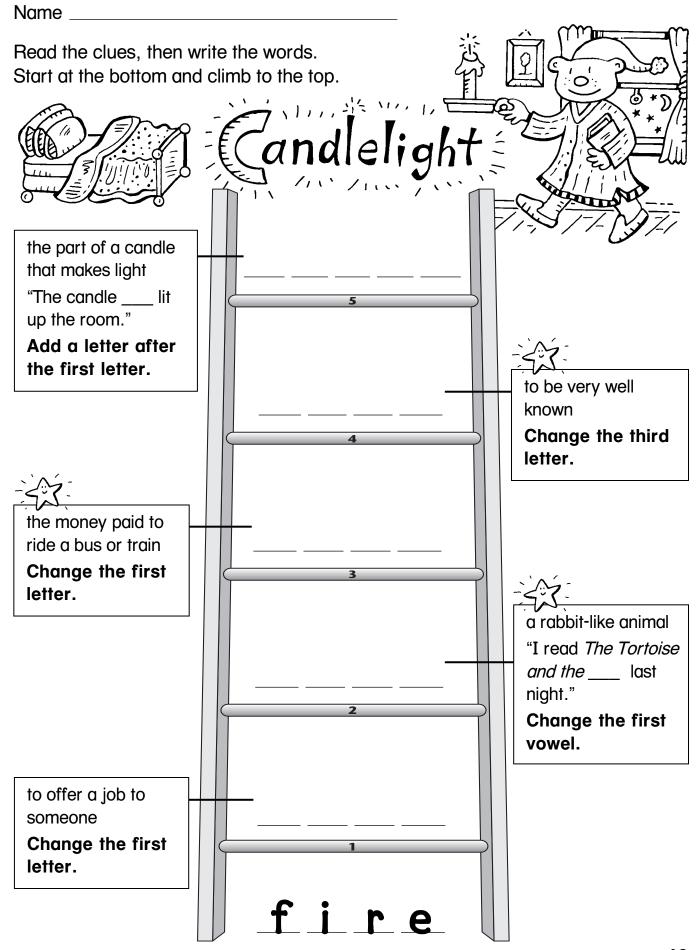


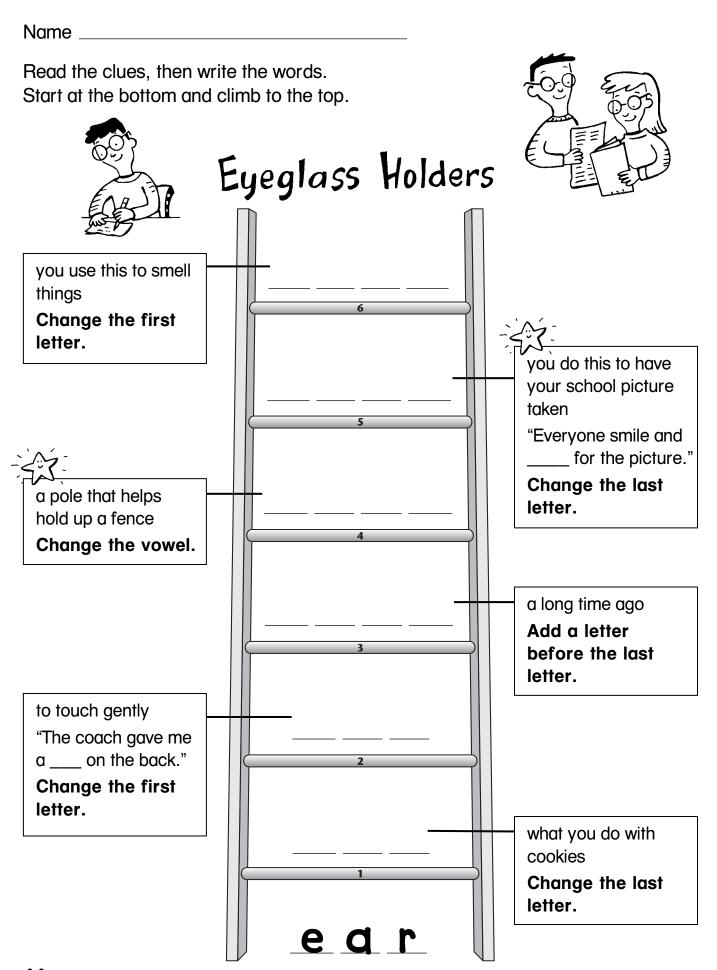
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"We in our		
music class."		
Change the last letter.	6	
		where you wash your hands
	5	Change the first letter.
a color between red and white	<del>  </del>	
Change the third letter.	4	
		another word for choose
	3	Change the first
a small bug that lives on animals	<u> </u>	letter.
"I found a on		
my dog today."	2	-25-
Change the vowel.		another word for a
		pushpin
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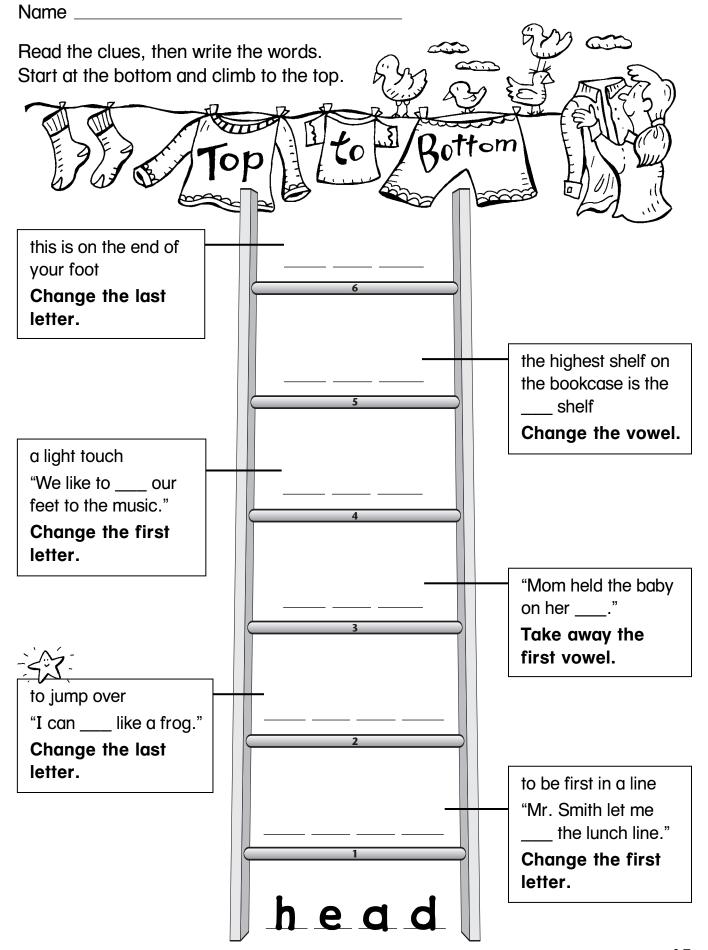


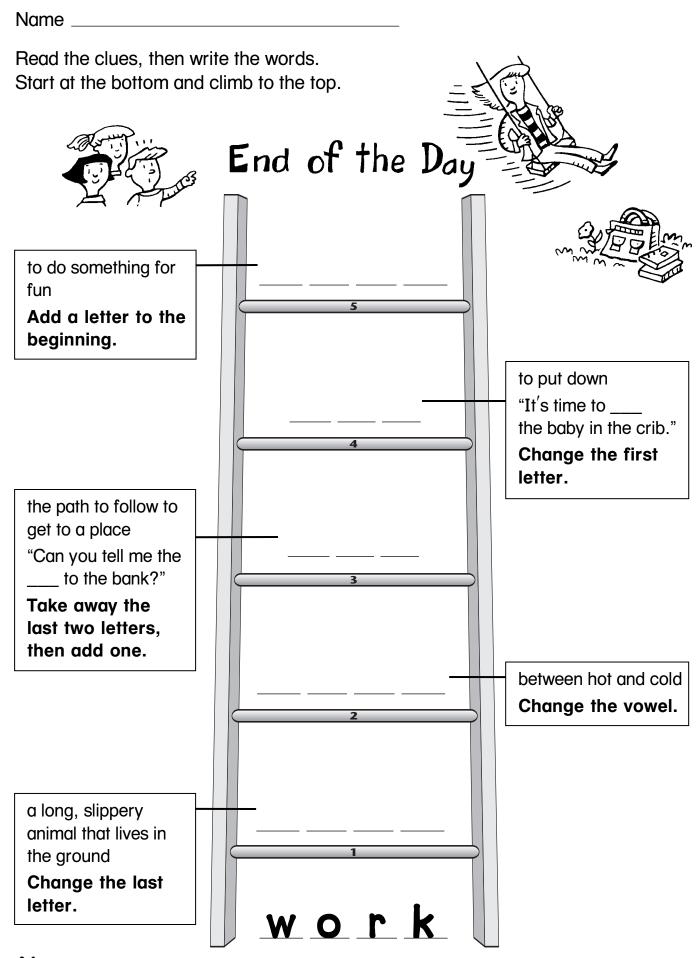
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	Little Piggies	The state of the s
comes after nine Change the vowel.	6	
a musical sound "Mom has a new ring	5	very heavy "That elephant weighs over a!"  Take away the last letter.
for her phone." Change the first vowel.	4	
-`Z^^	3	a song Change the first letter.
a hill of sand Change the first vowel.	2	
	1	to eat Change the first letter.
	<u>nine</u>	

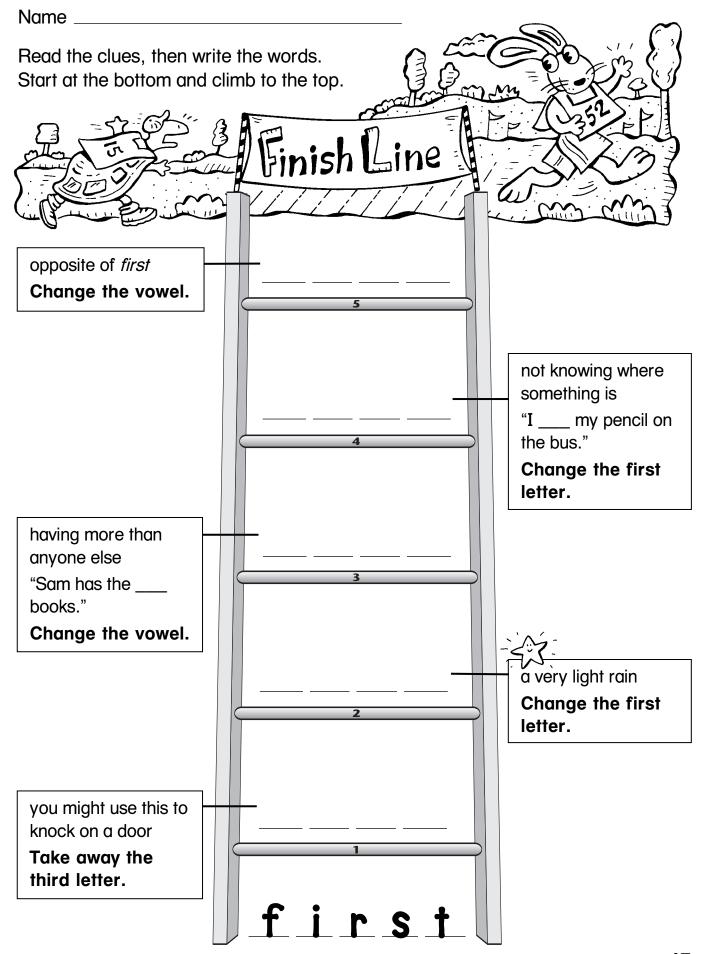


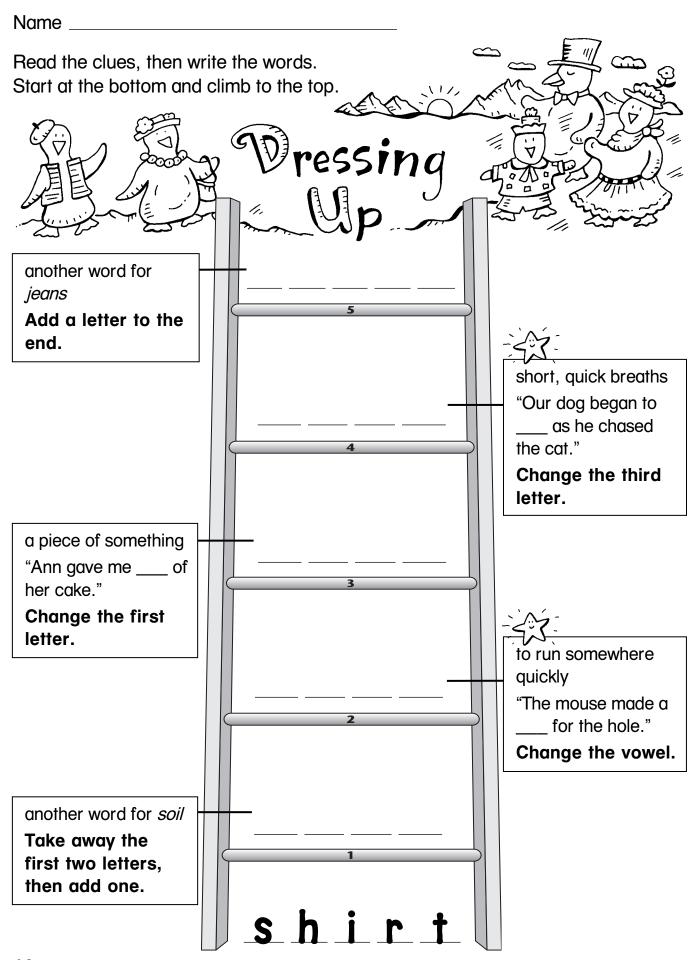


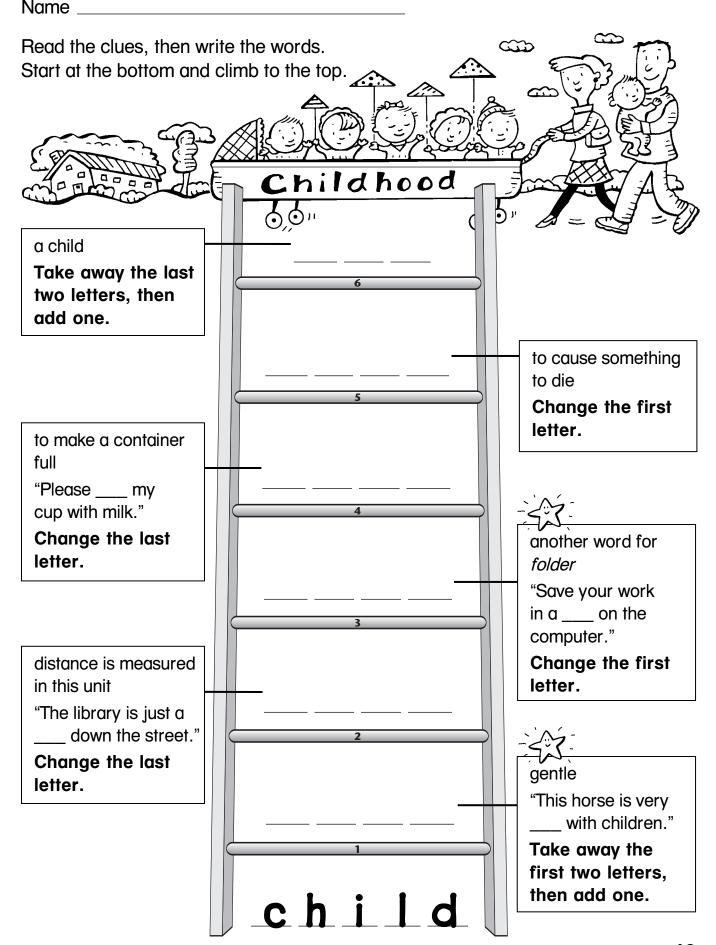


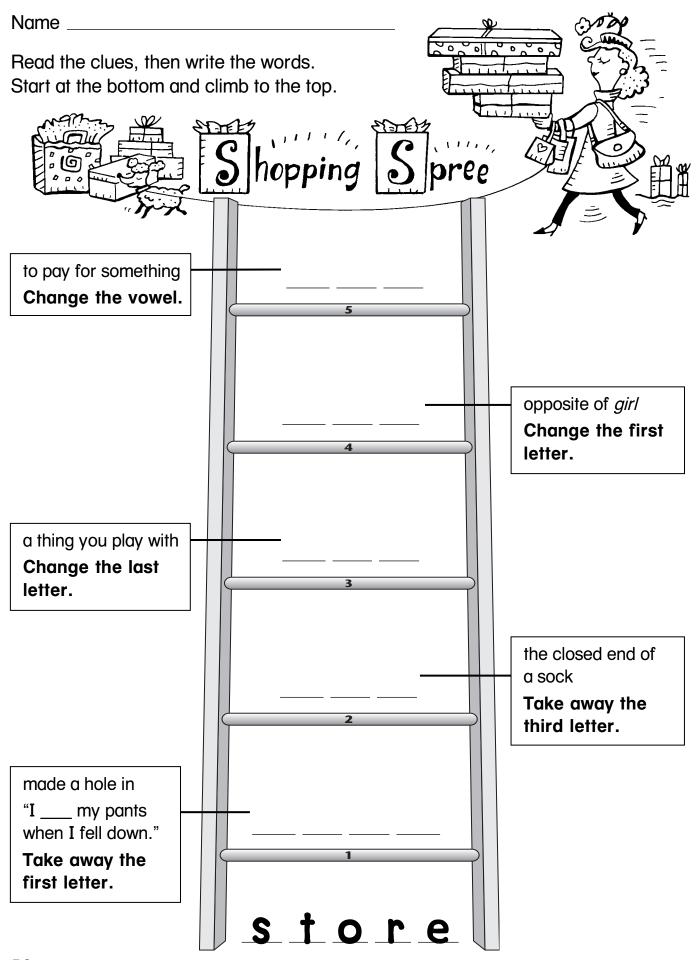


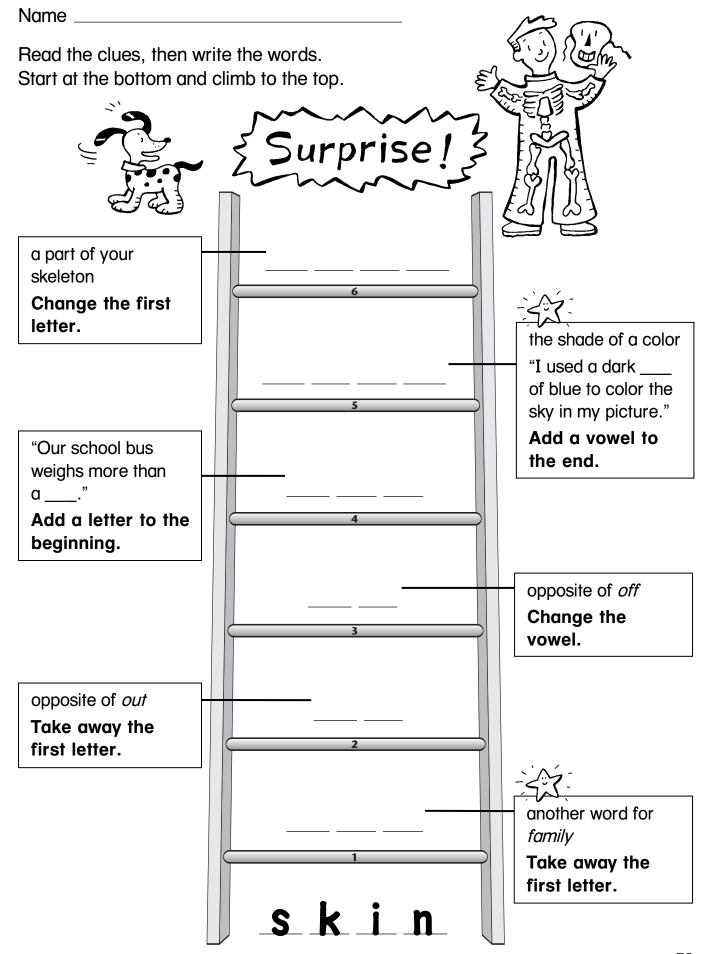


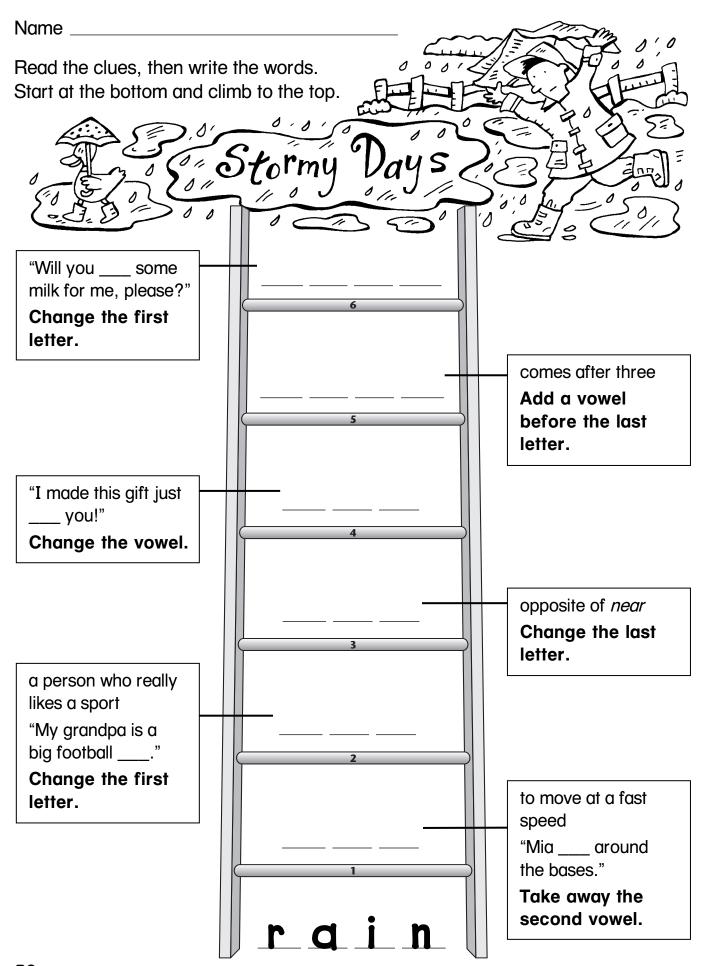


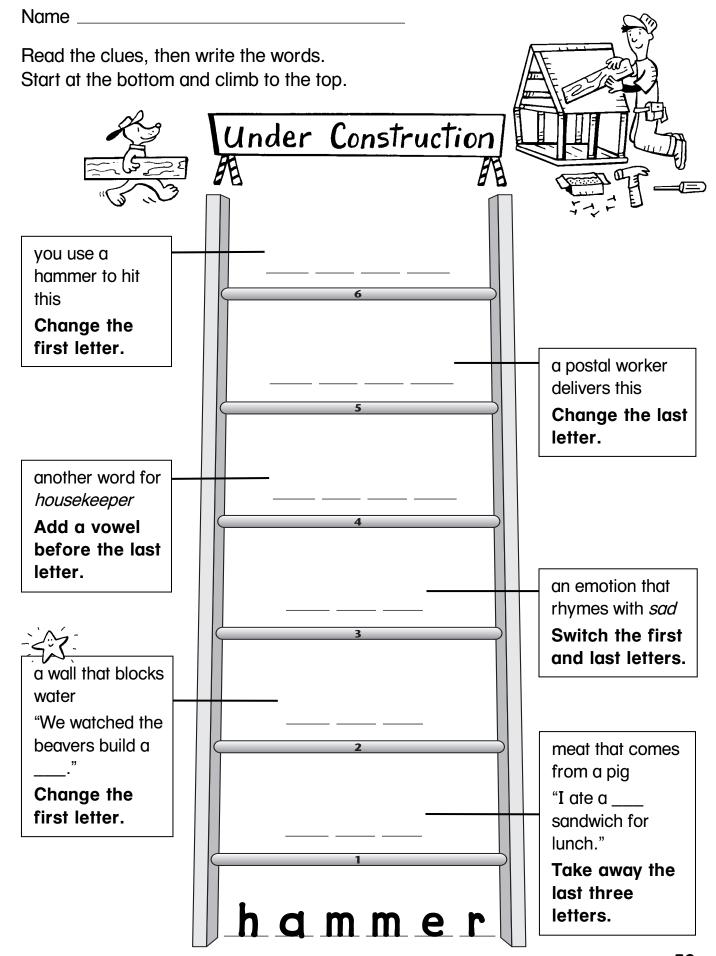


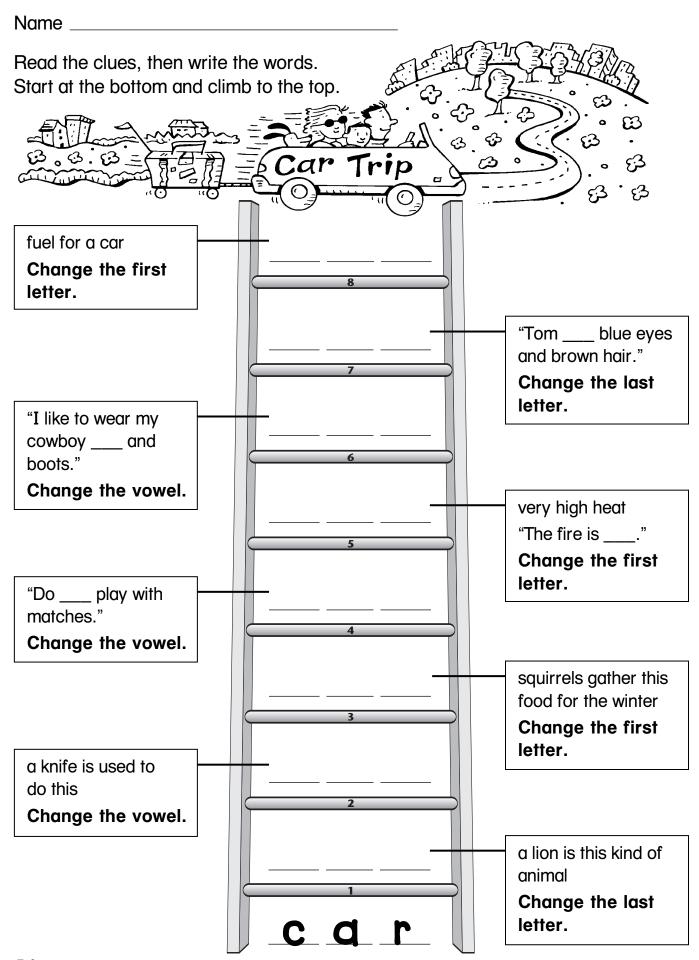


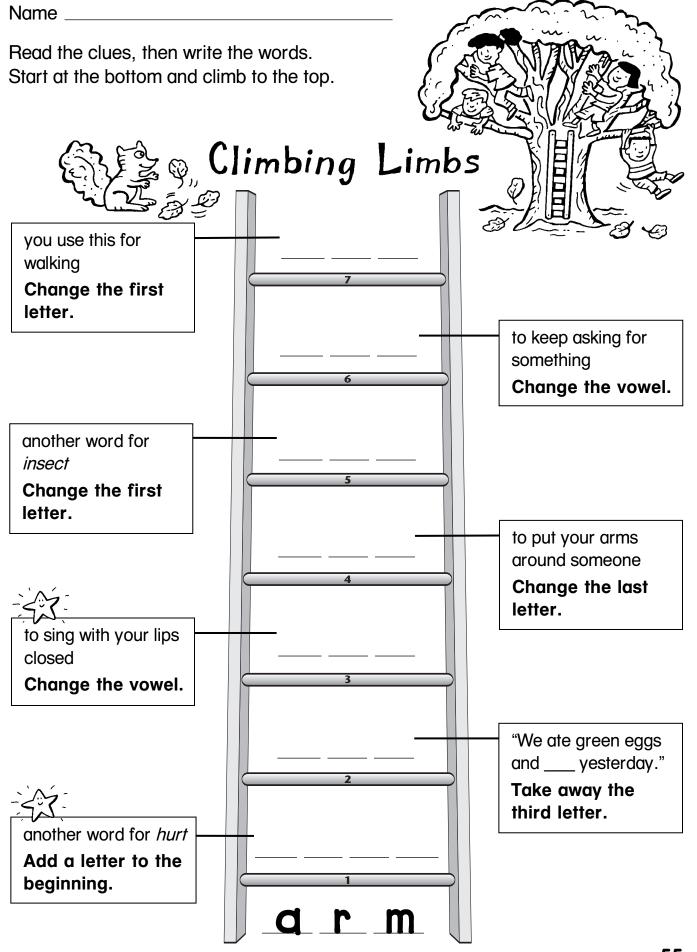


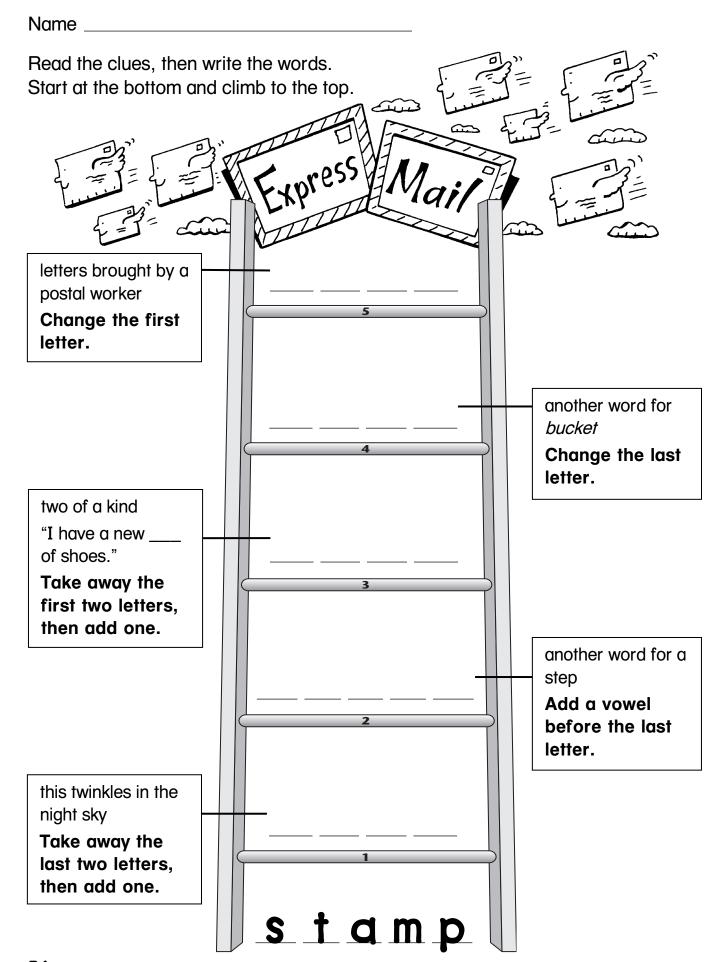


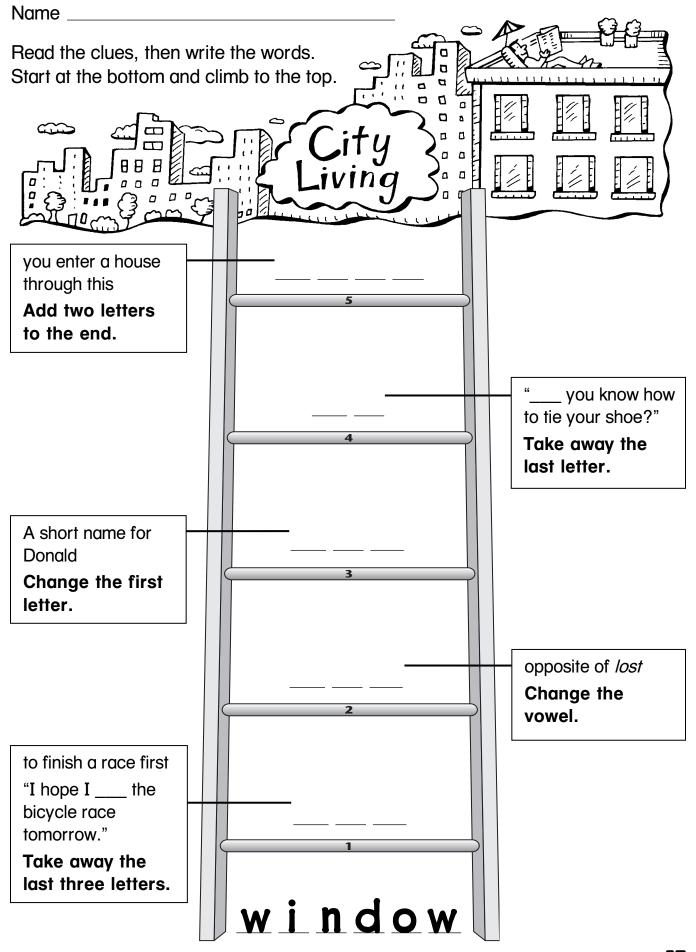


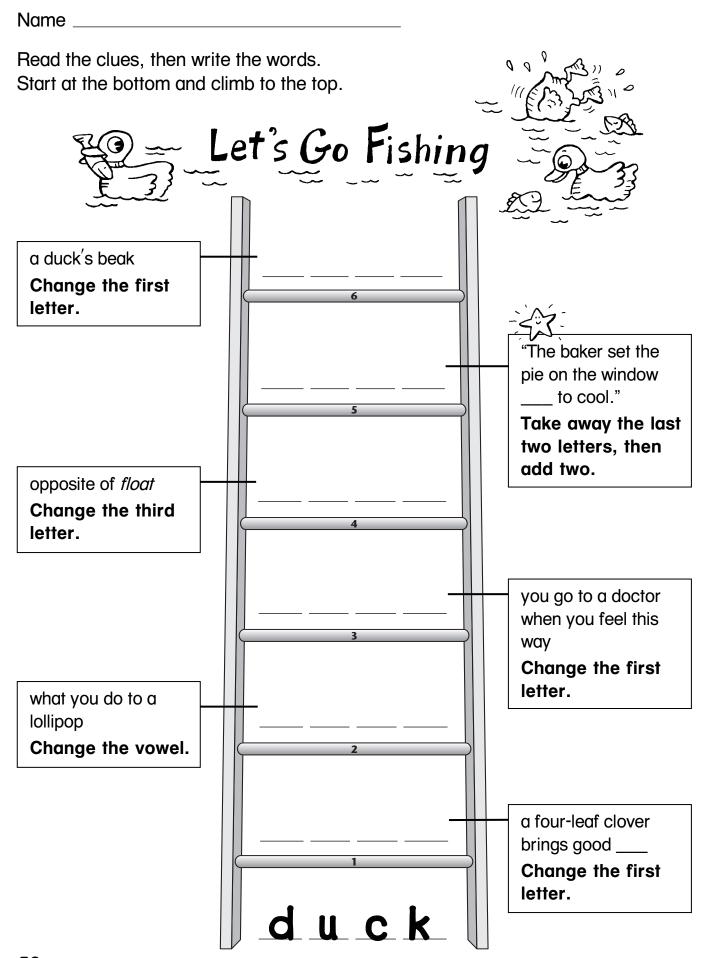




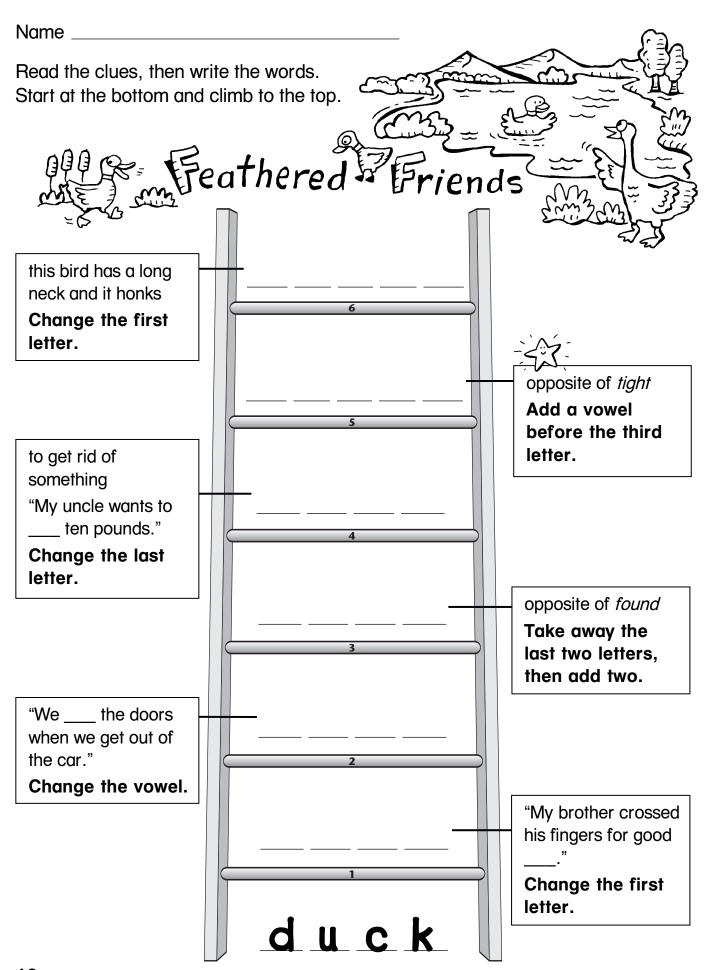


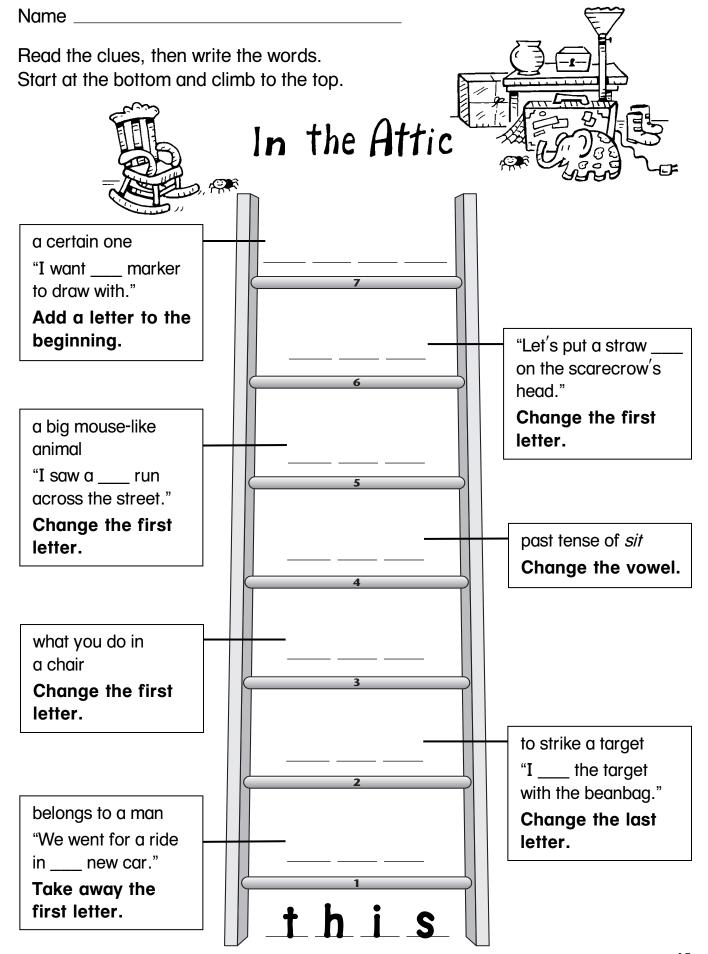


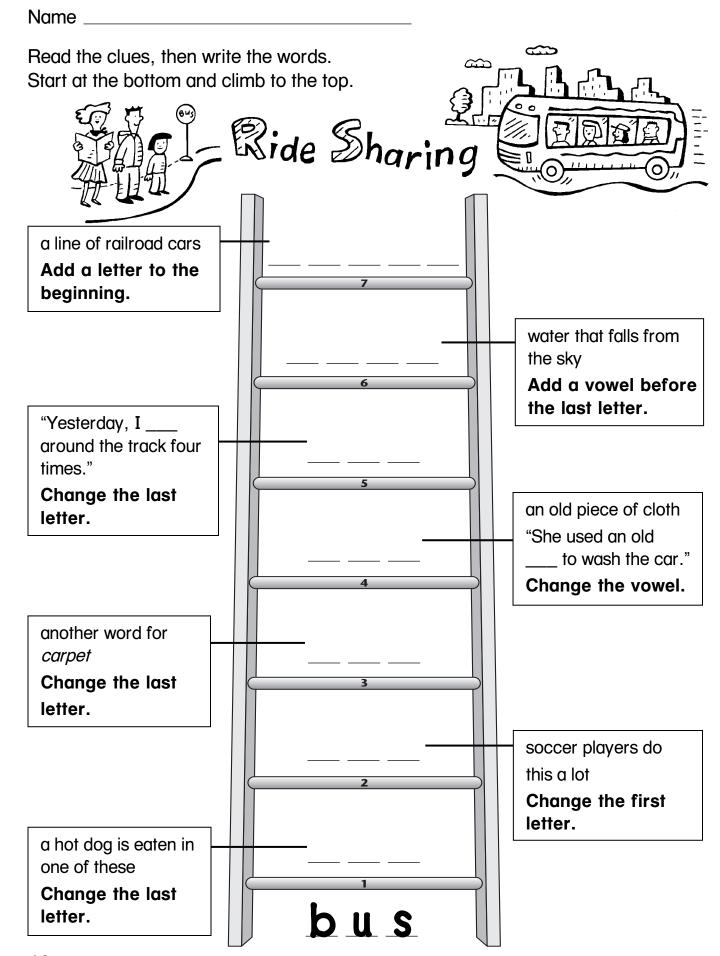


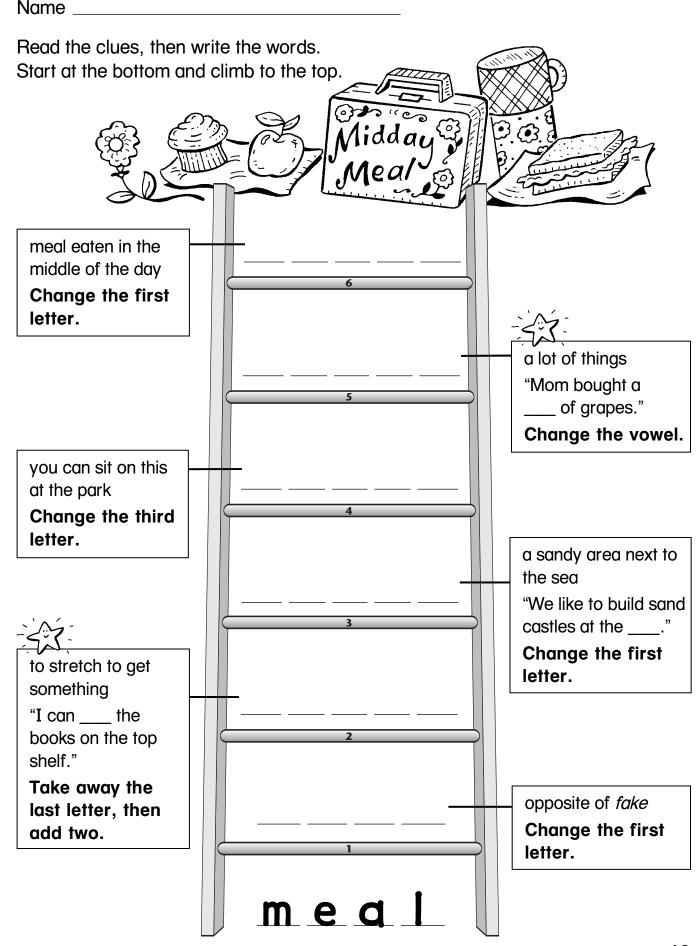


Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. 3 astoff! opposite of now Add a letter to the end. opposite of early Change the first letter. to dislike something a lot "I \_\_\_\_ to swim in a cold pool." Add a vowel to the end. "I wore a sun \_\_\_\_ on my head at the beach." Change the vowel. the weather gets this way in the summer Change the first letter. "A penguin does \_\_\_\_ fly." Change the last letter. now

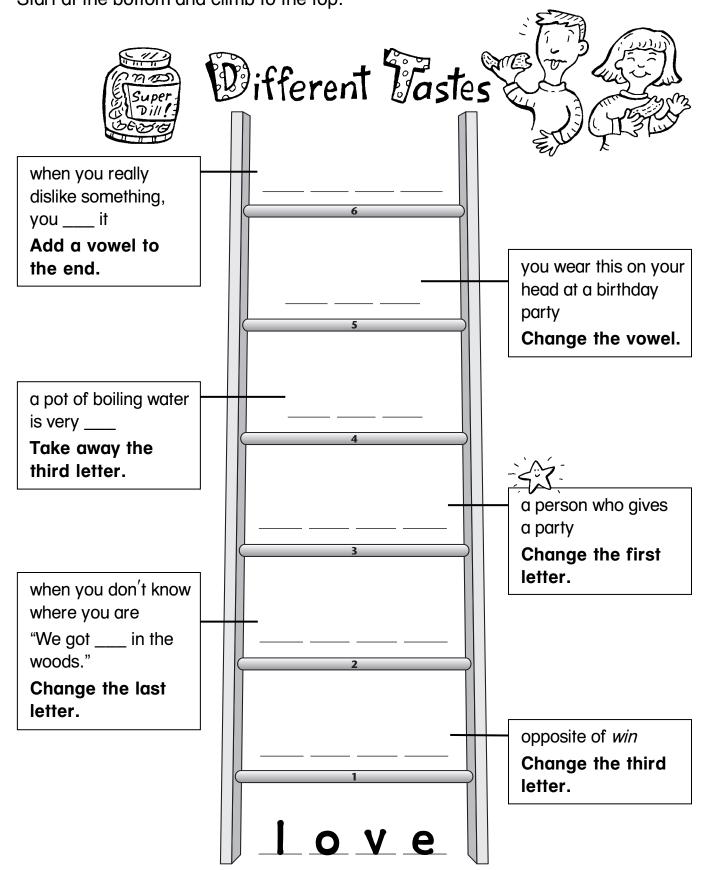


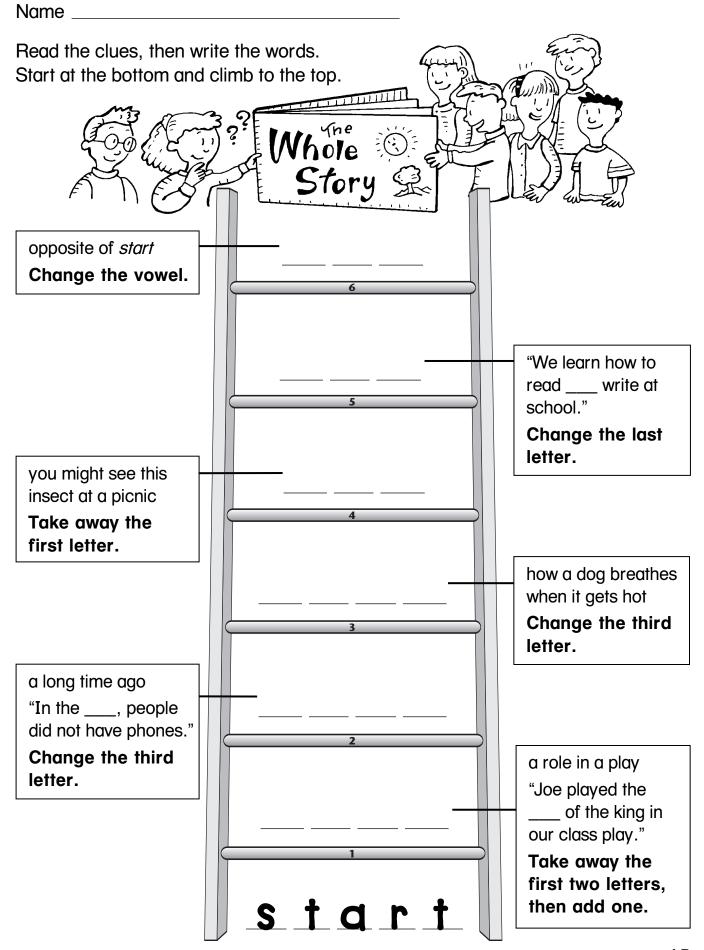


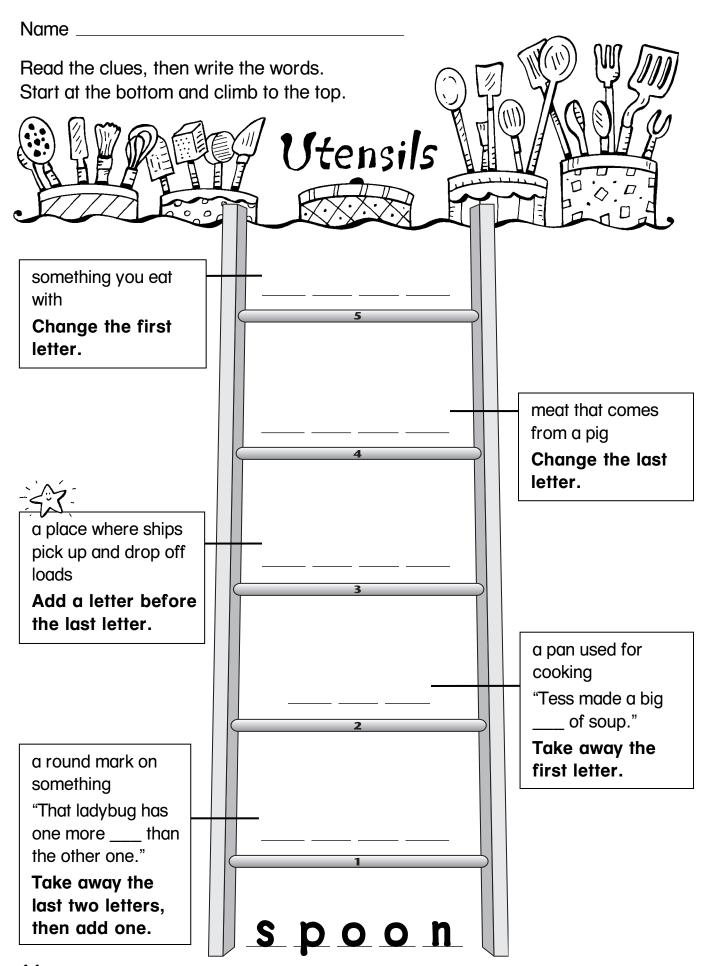


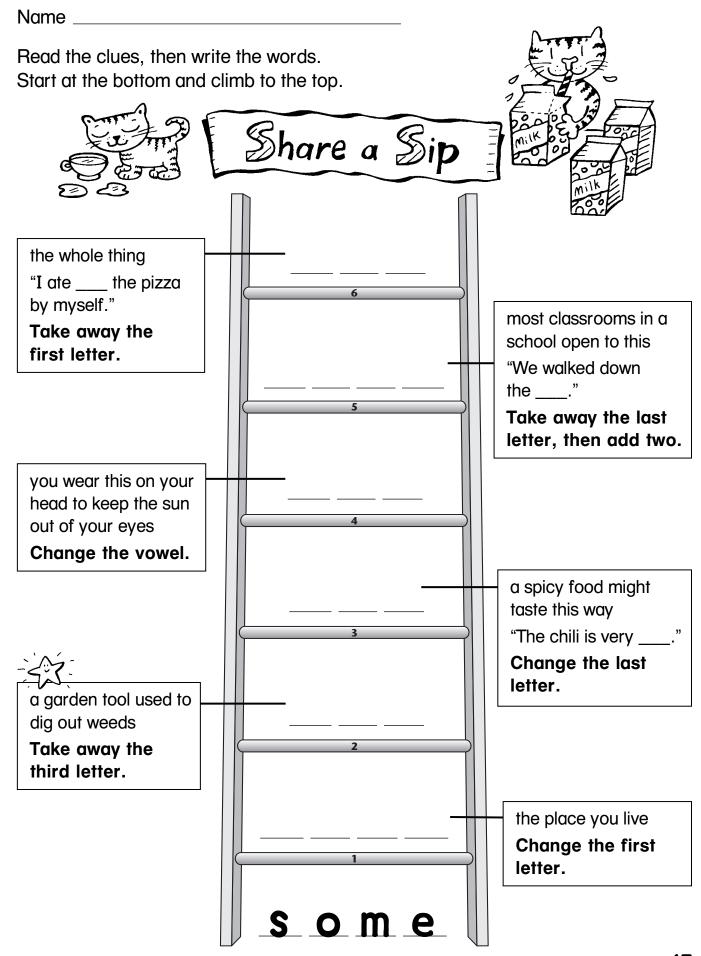


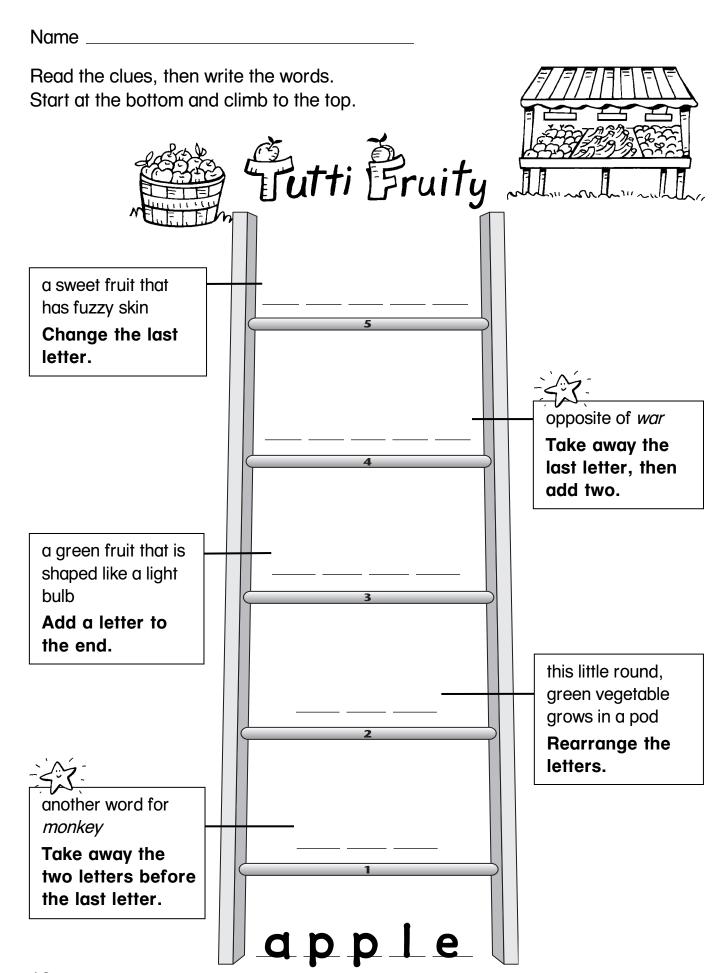
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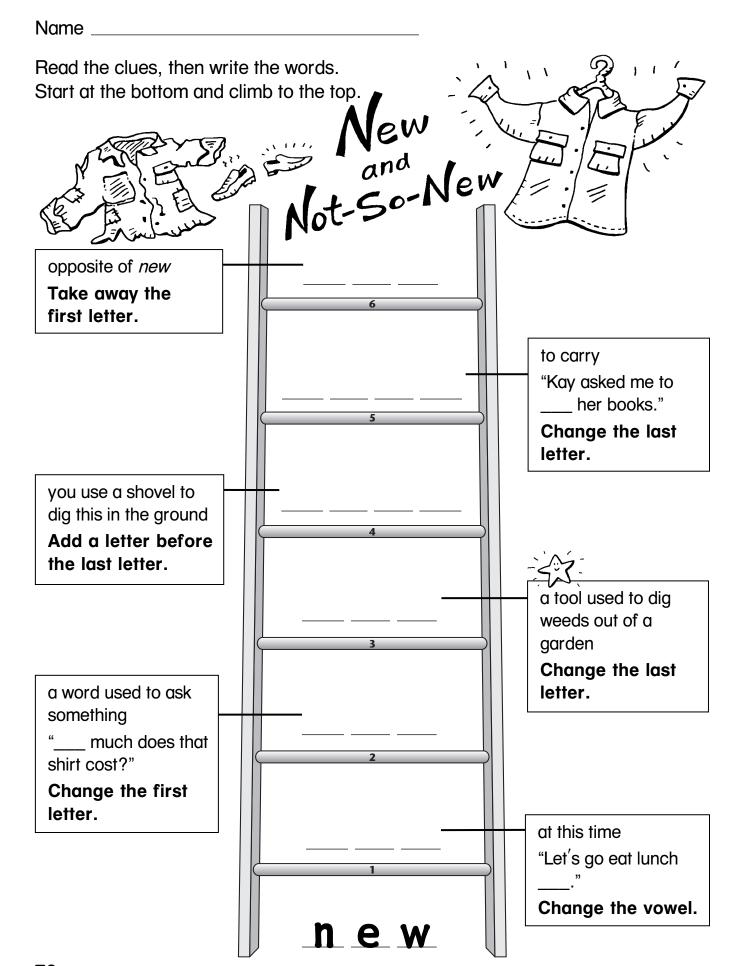




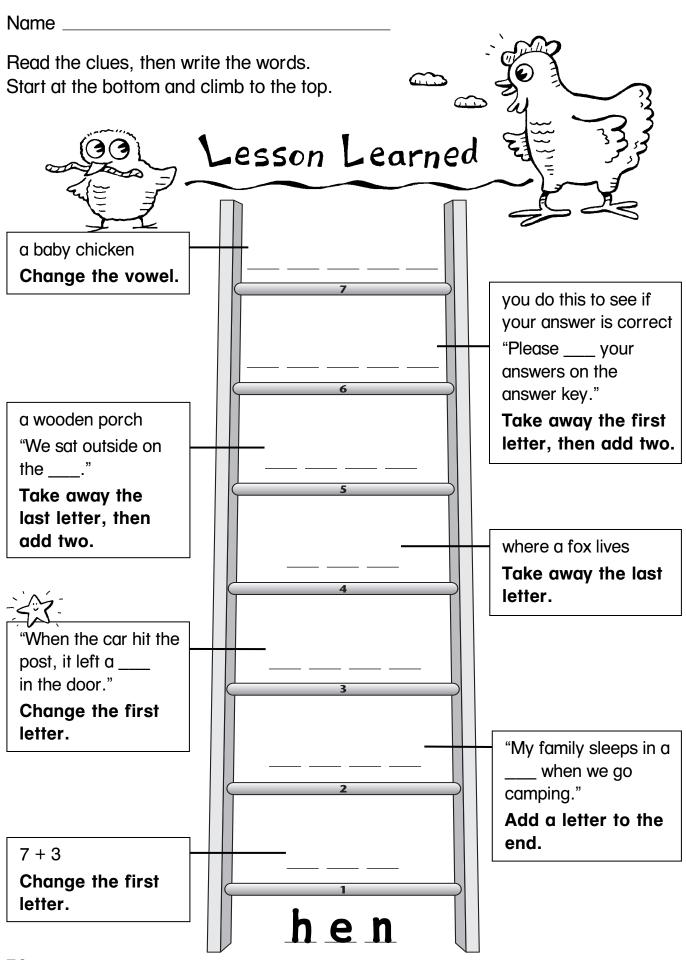


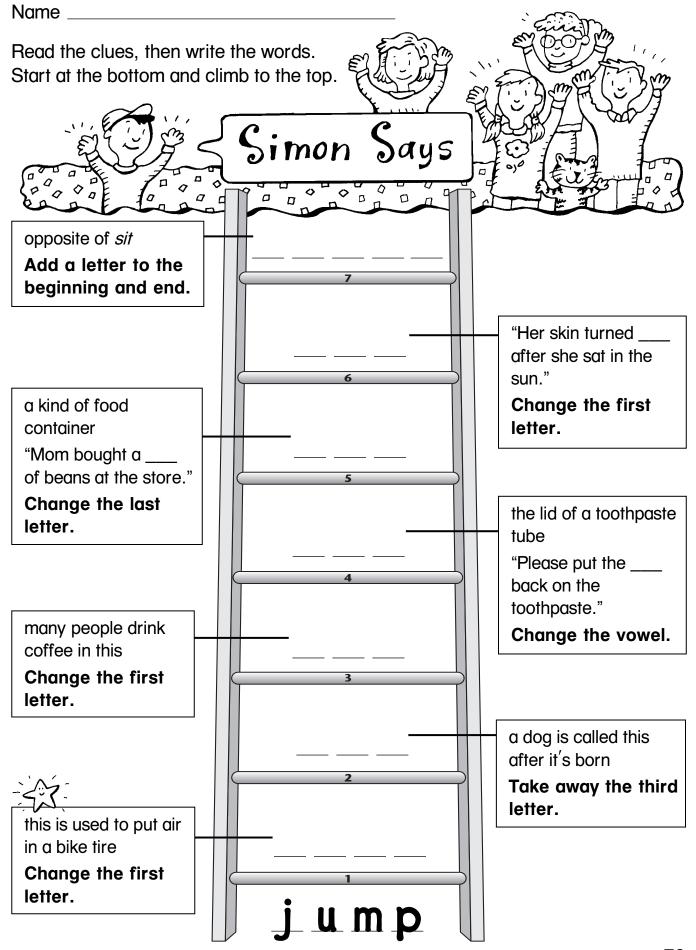


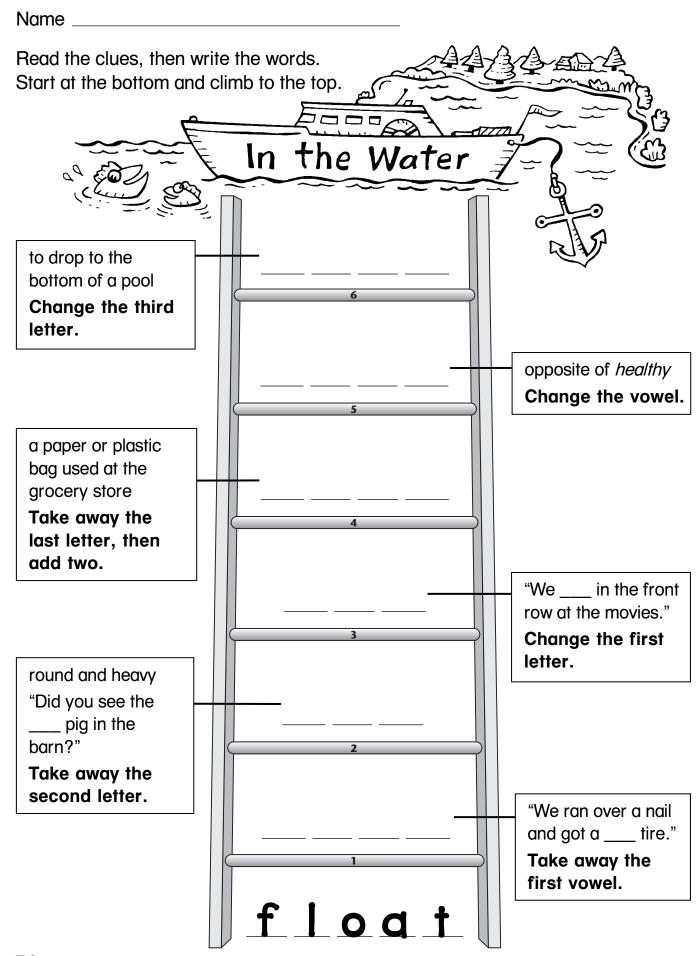




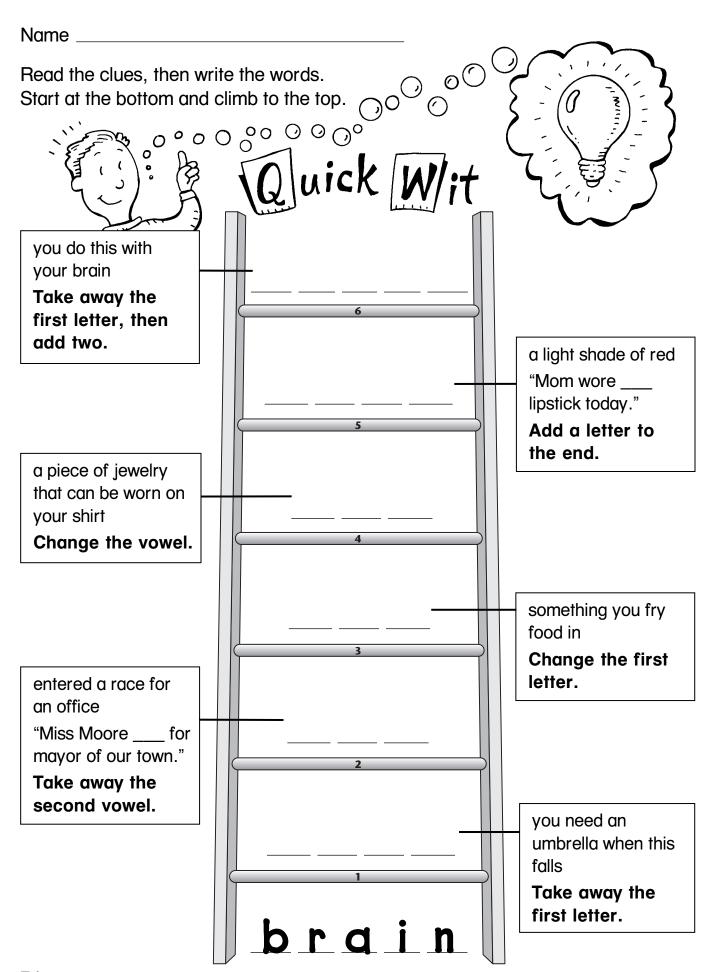
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	Growing Things	
where animals and crops are raised  Add a letter to the end.	6	
	5	a long way away "The prince lived in a land away." Change the vowel.
the hair on an animal — Change the last letter.	4	
	3	being playful  "It's to play with my cat."
this is made by folding paper back and forth		Change the vowel.
"I waved my paper to help cool the air."	2	to flow like a liquid "My ice cream
Change the first letter.	1	melted and down the cone."
	ranch	last two letters.

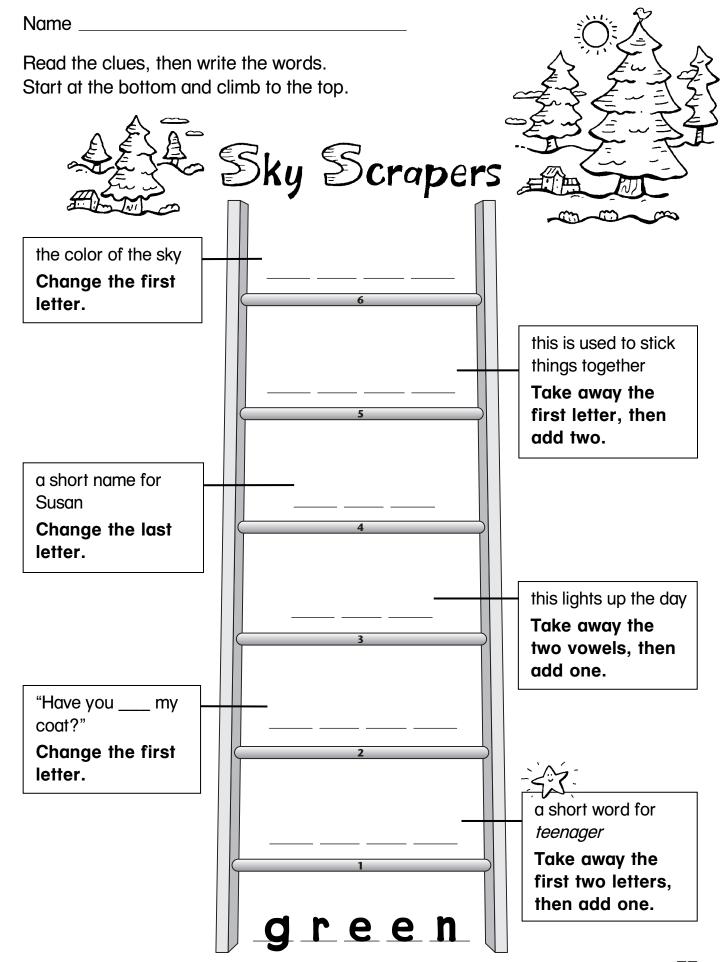


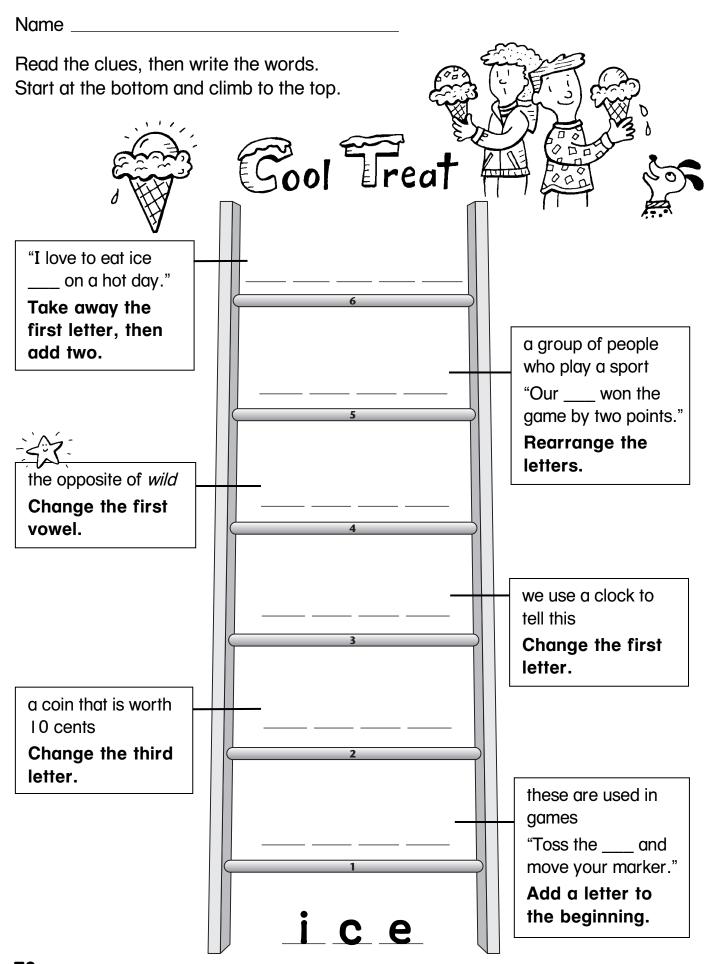


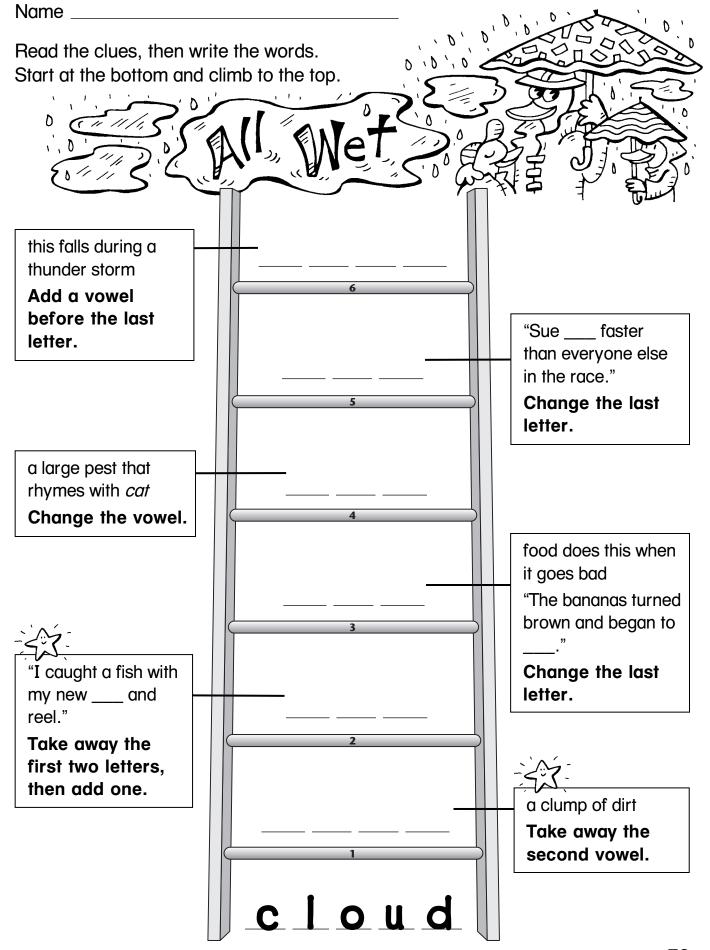


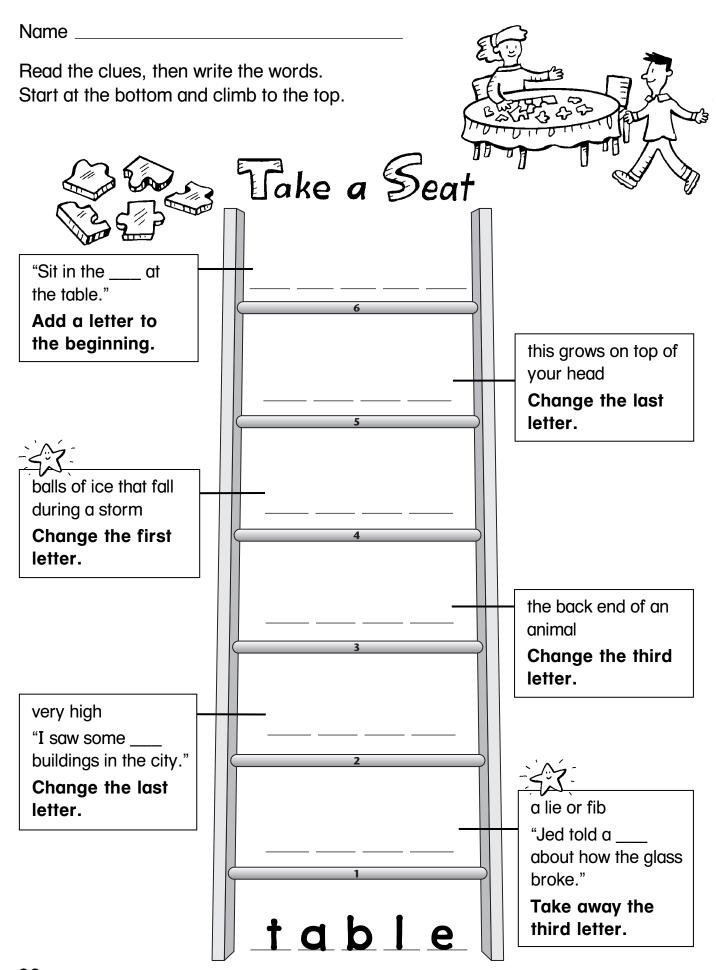
Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. Home, Sweet Flome another word for house Change the third letter. you use this to water flowers in the yard Change the first letter. opposite of *find* Take away the second vowel. not tied "Your shoelace is Change the first a large deer with letter. big antlers Change the second vowel. a small, furry animal that eats cheese Change the first letter. house

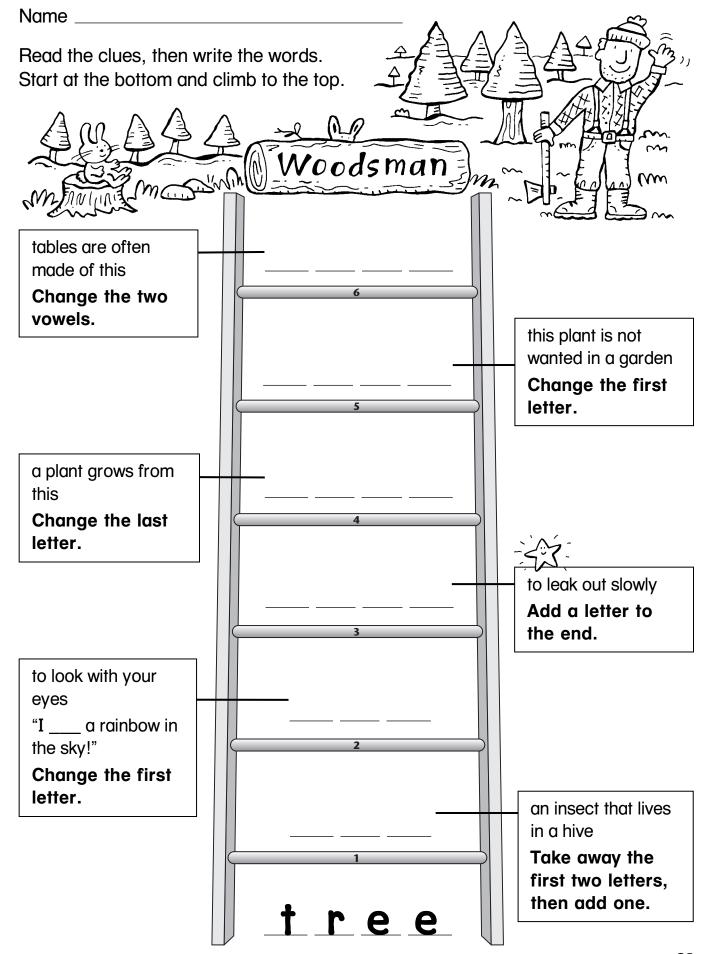


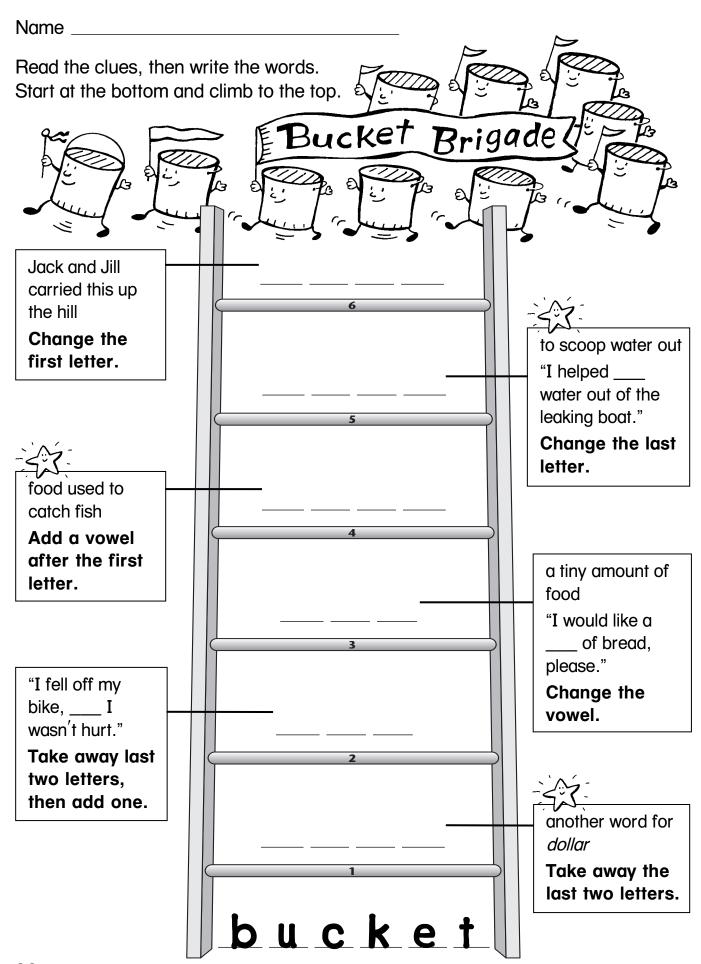


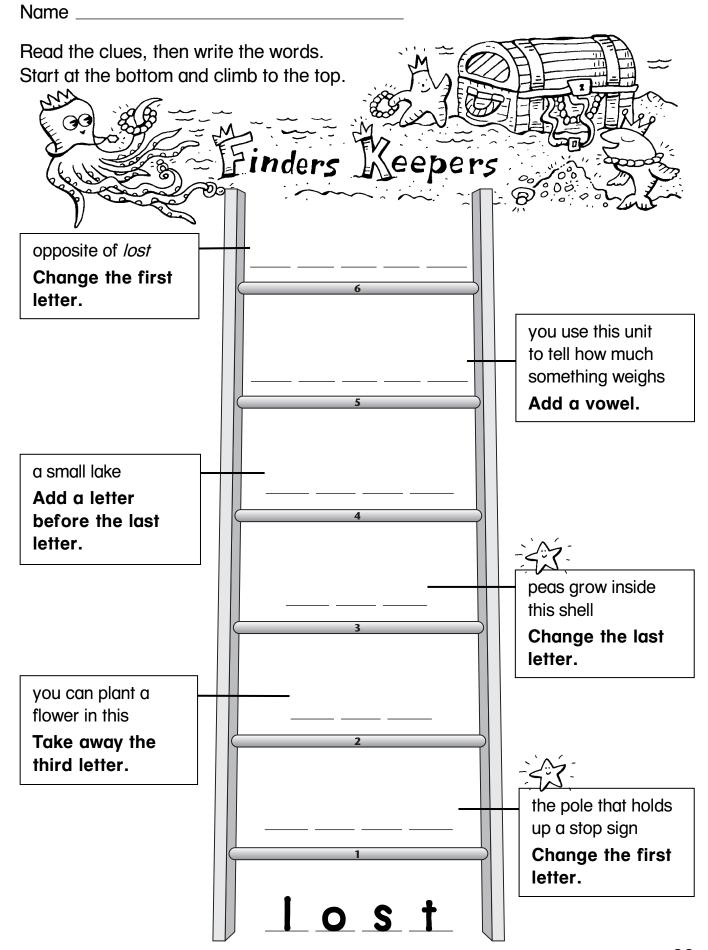


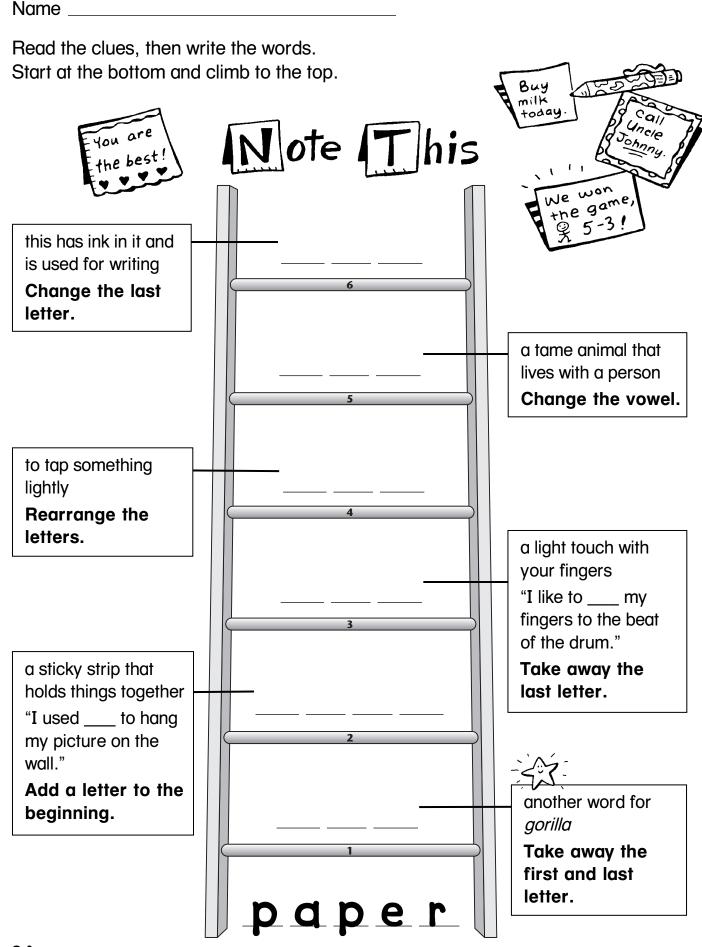


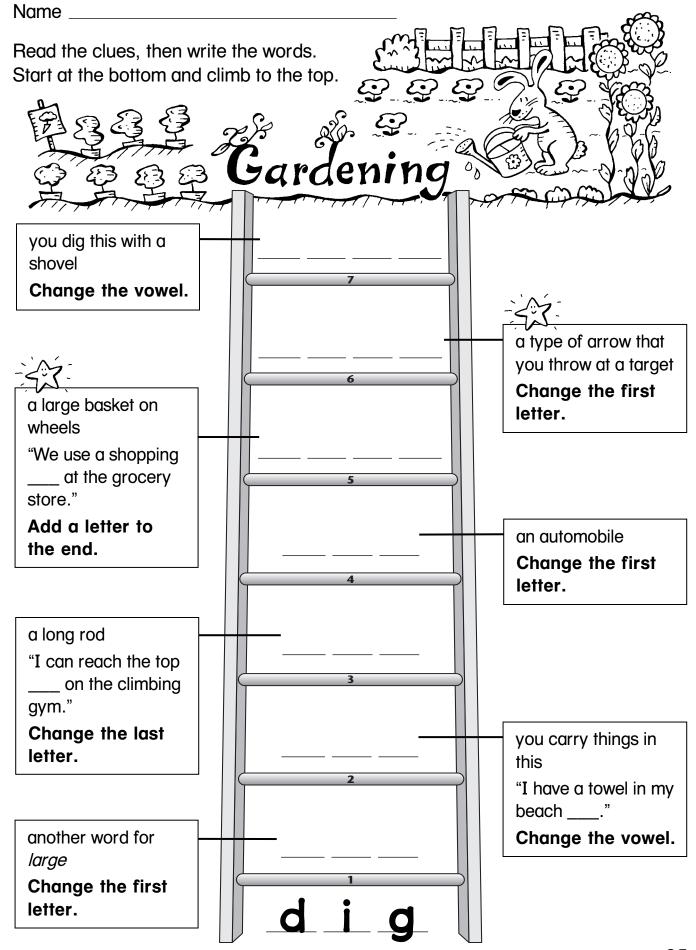


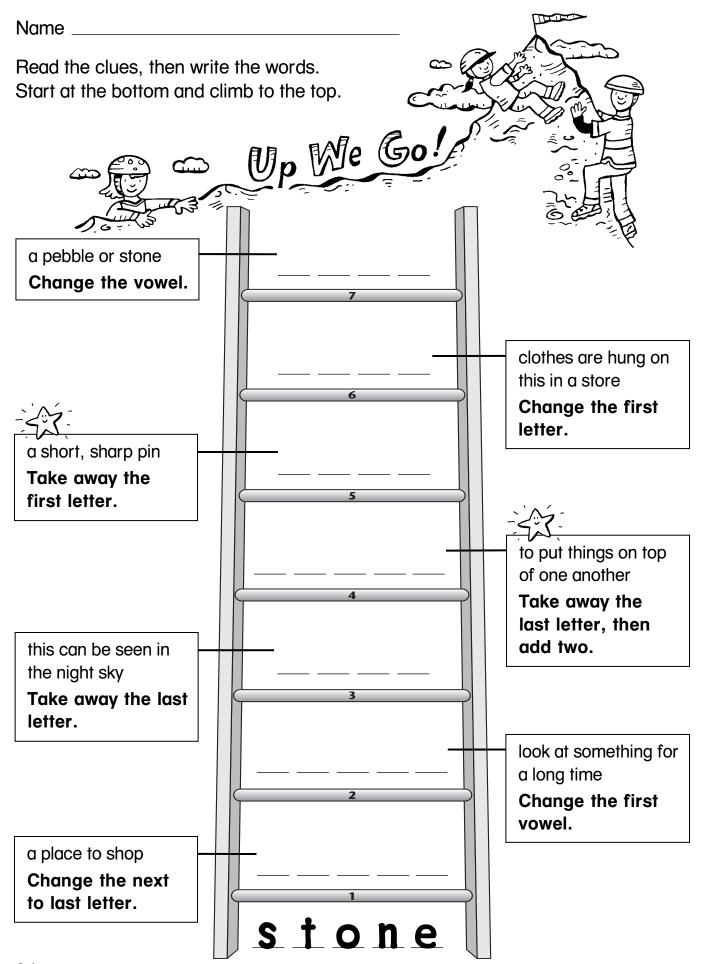


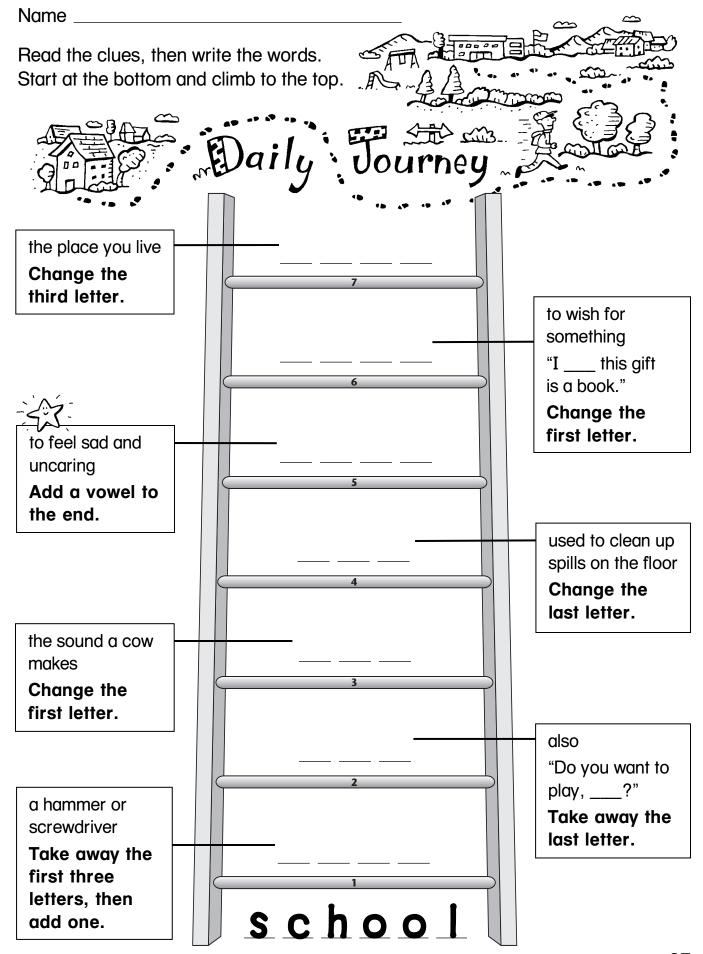


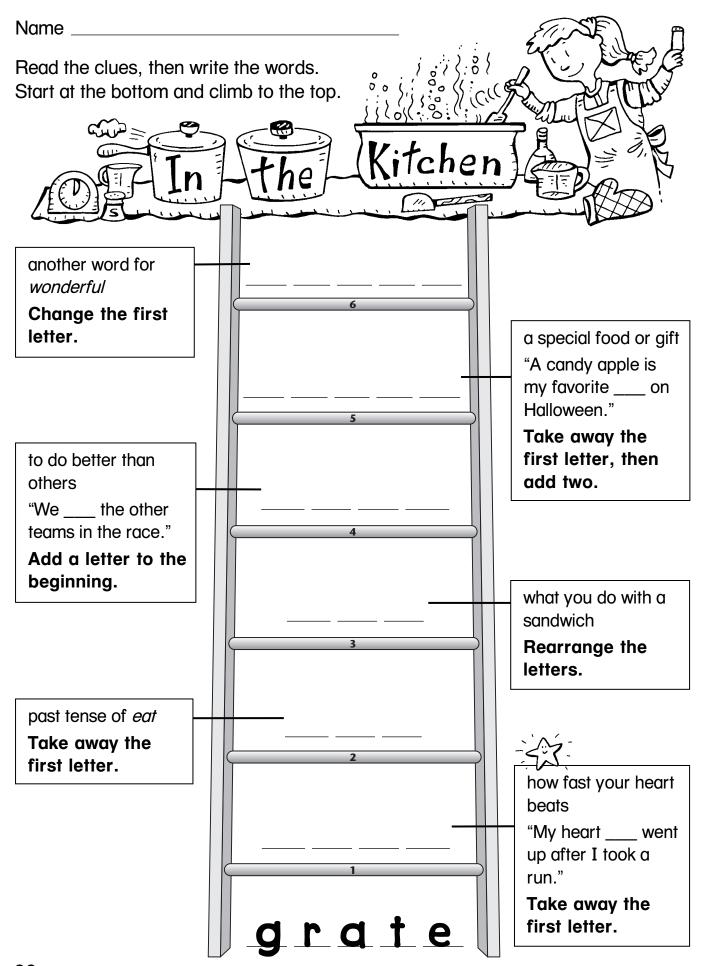


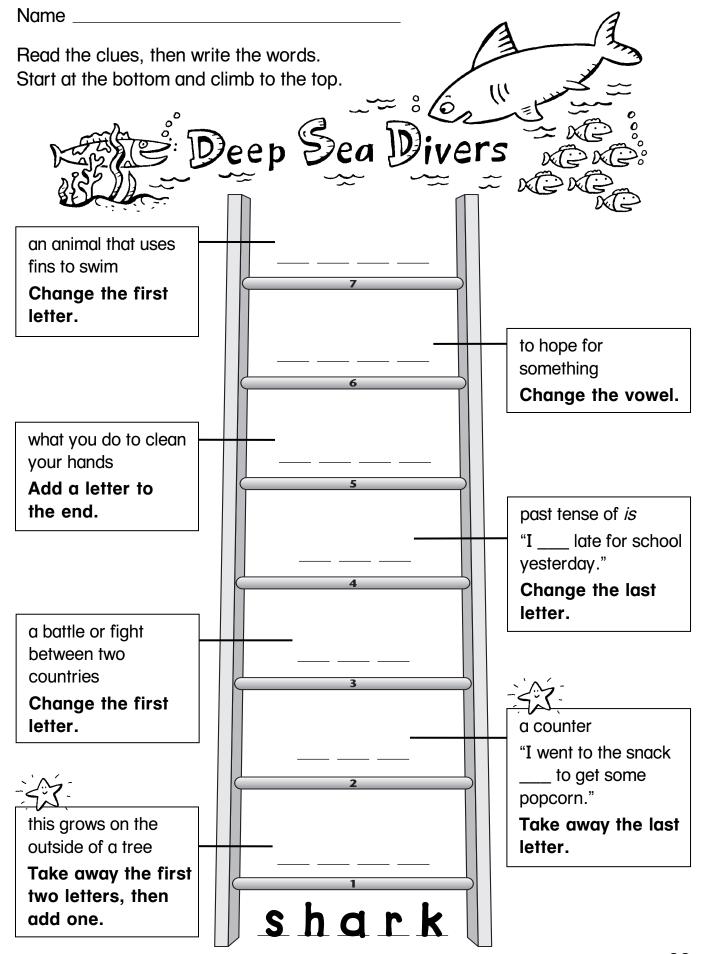






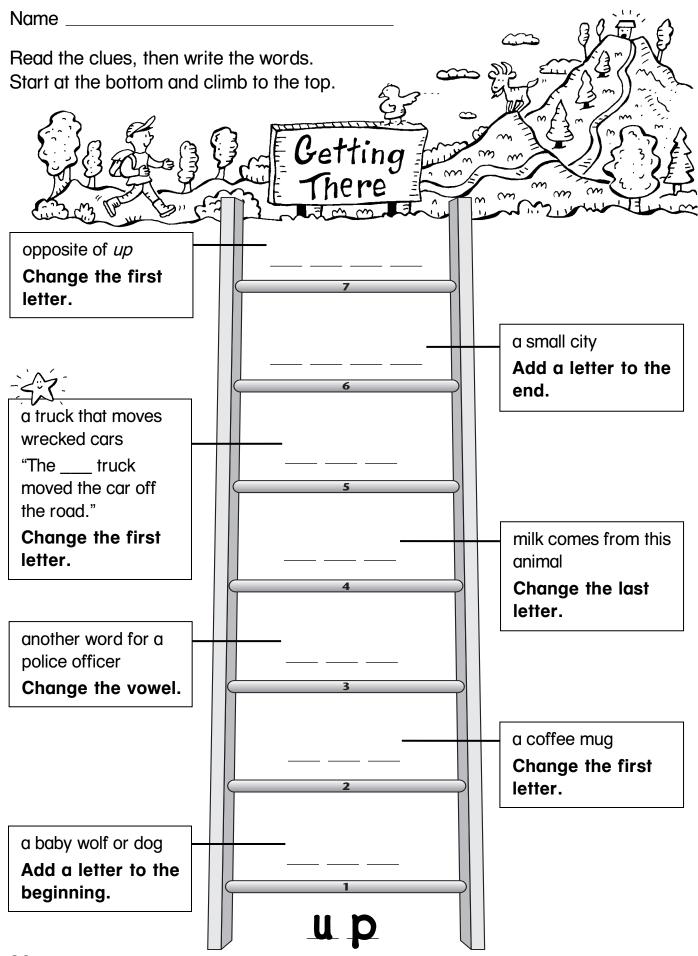


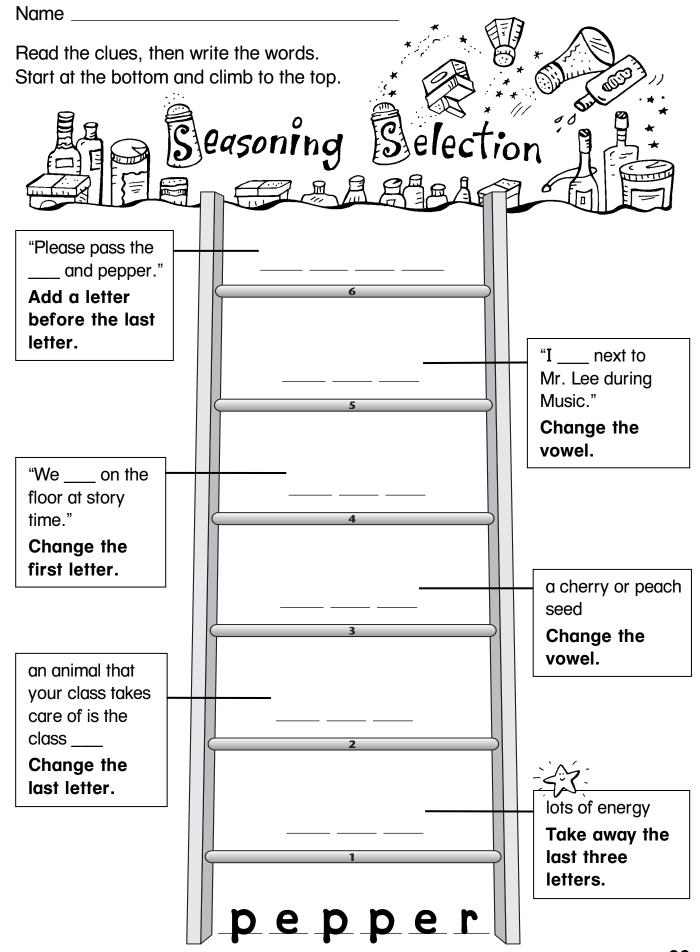




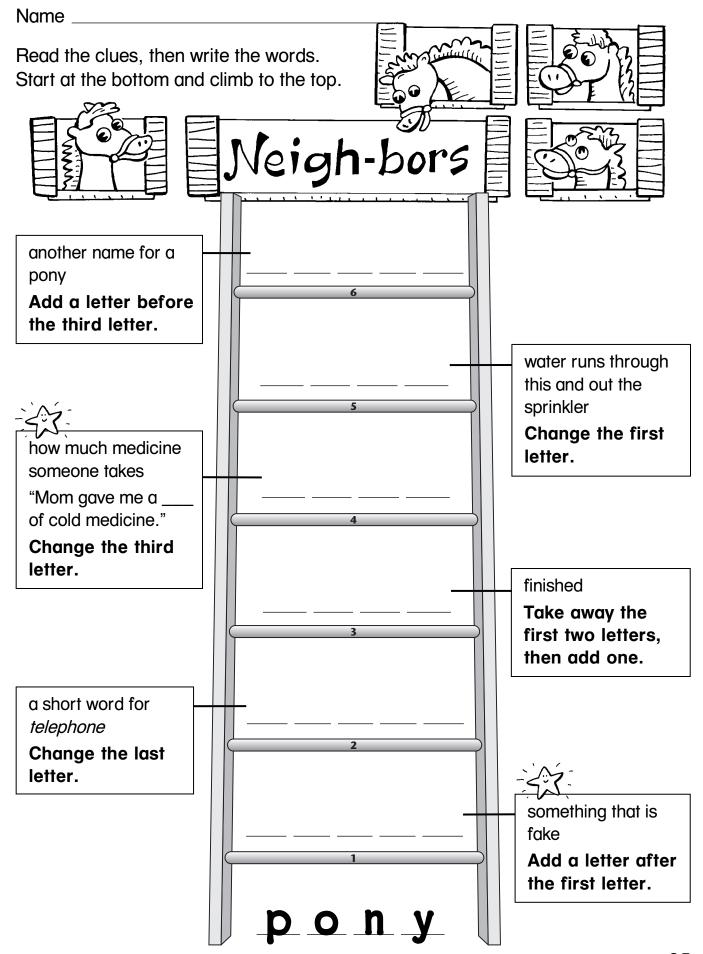
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Read the clues, then wri	[:] [:]	
white flakes that fall in the winter Change the second letter.	7	
a word used to ask	6	a TV program  "I watch my favorite TV on Saturday."  Add a letter to the beginning.
someone's age  " old are you?"  Change the first letter.	5	to pull something
a lot	4	with a rope Change the last letter.
"I have a of friends at school."  Change the vowel.	3	
	2	a light brown color Change the first letter.
past tense of <i>run</i> Take away the second vowel.		
	rain	

Name		
Read the clues, then writ Start at the bottom and c	limb to the top.	N ER CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF TH
	Good Books	
a sheet of paper in a book		
Change the first letter.	7	
	6	a fit of anger Change the third letter.
a running contest  "Jim was the fastest runner in the"		
Change the last letter.		you can hang a coat on this
	4	Change the vowel.
a garden wall might be made of this Change the first		
letter.		the part of a door
		that opens with a key  Change the third
to watch " at how far I		letter.
can jump."		
Change the first letter.	book	



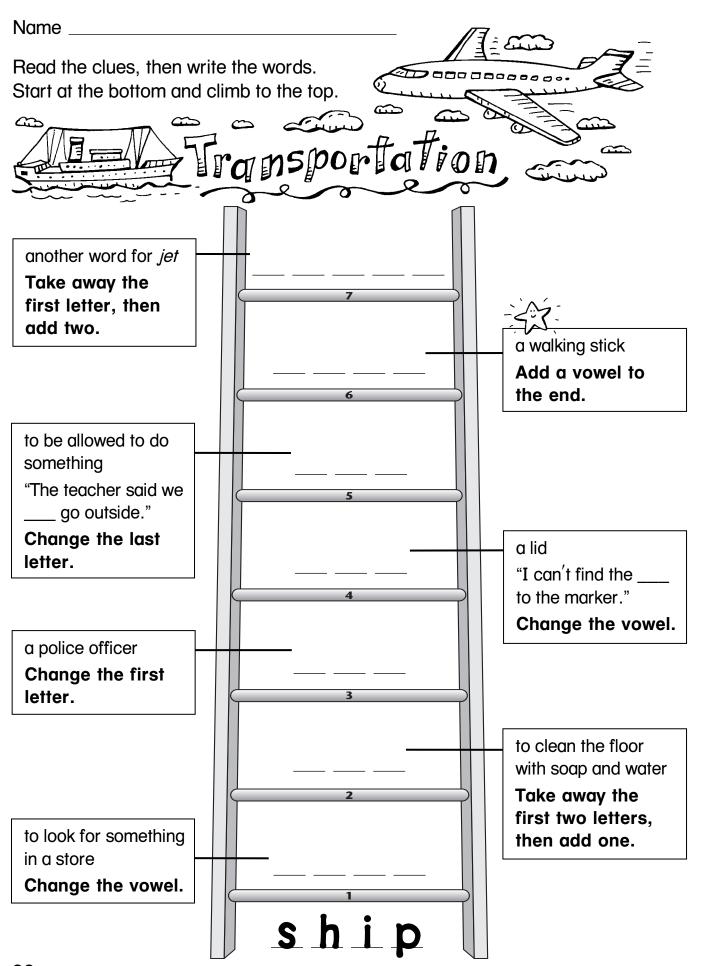


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Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and a		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Sto	ars and Strip	oes Proposition
a tall rod that a flag hangs on Change the first letter.	7	- <u>`</u>
another word for	6	a small, brown bump on the skin Change the third letter.
"May I have milk, please?"  Change the first		
letter.	4	not exciting  "I hope the speaker doesn't us."  Change the first
not covered  Add a vowel to the end.	3	vowel.
a purse "My sister carries a		a long rod  "Hold onto the when you go down the stairs."
that matches her dress."  Take away the first two letters, then add one.	flag	Change the last letter.



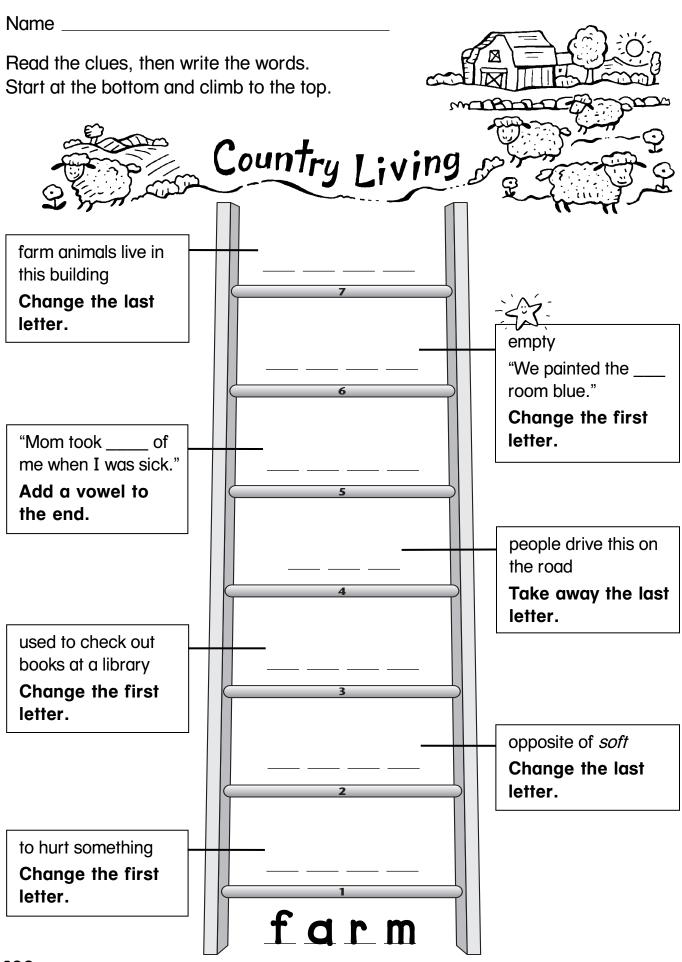


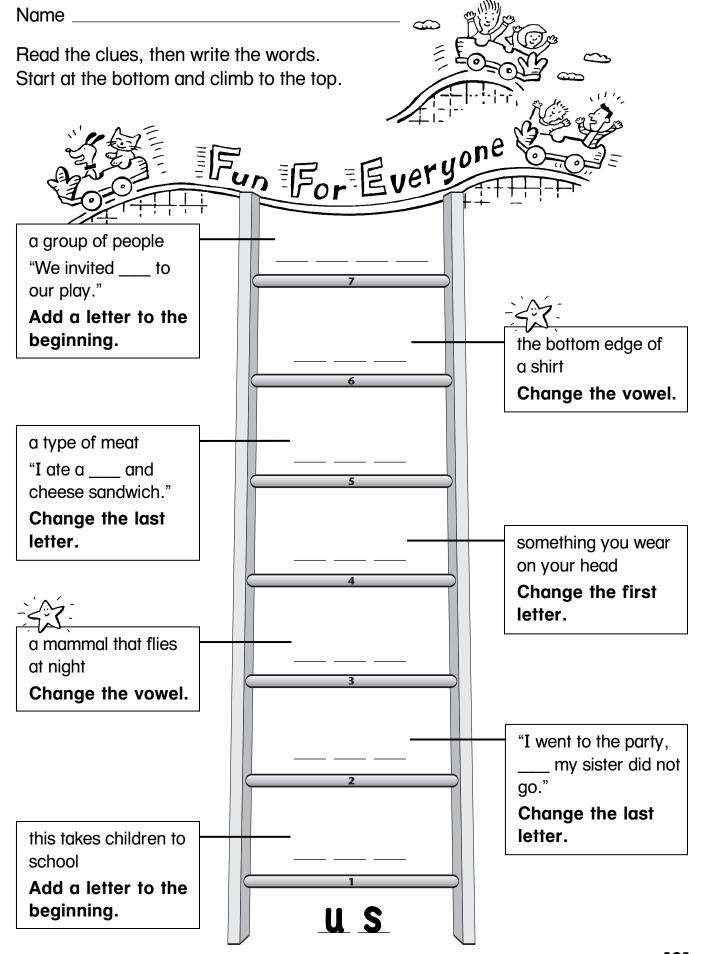
Name			
Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and clin			Saler
	Pidoy	\$tore	
a toy that looks like a baby			
Change the vowel.	7		not shiny
	6		Change the first letter.
Change the first letter.			
	4		a male cow  Take away the last letter, then add two.
another word for except "Everyone has had a turn, me."			IWO.
Change the last letter.			to pay for something at a store
	2		Change the vowel.
opposite of <i>girl</i> Change the first letter.			
	to	y	

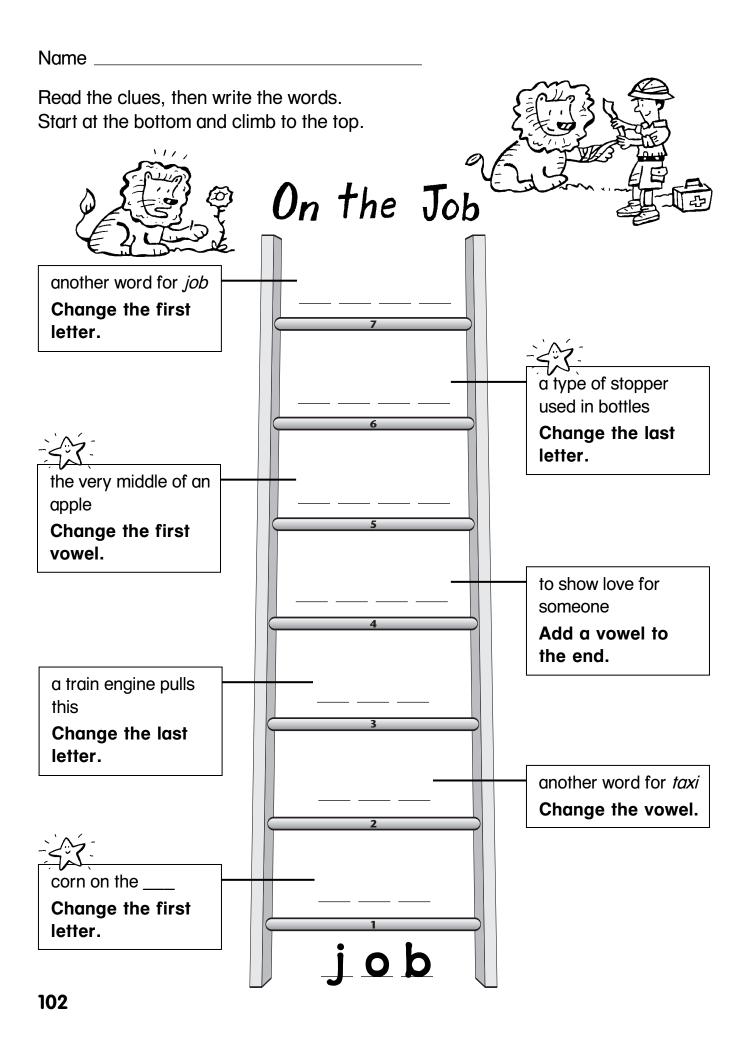


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Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and cli	*	*
	Score!	
this is kicked over a goal post		
Change the first letter.		a valana a viátla va avec
		a place with many stores in it
	6	Take away the last letter, then add two.
a small rug "Please wipe your	<del>                                     </del>	
feet on the door	5	
Change the first letter.		a soft touch
	4	"Dad gave me a on the back."
a pan used for		Change the vowel.
making soup  Take away the last		
two letters, then add one.		
		a place to swim  Change the first
-52	2	letter.
to trick		
"You tried to me with that magic act."		
Change the last letter.	foot	



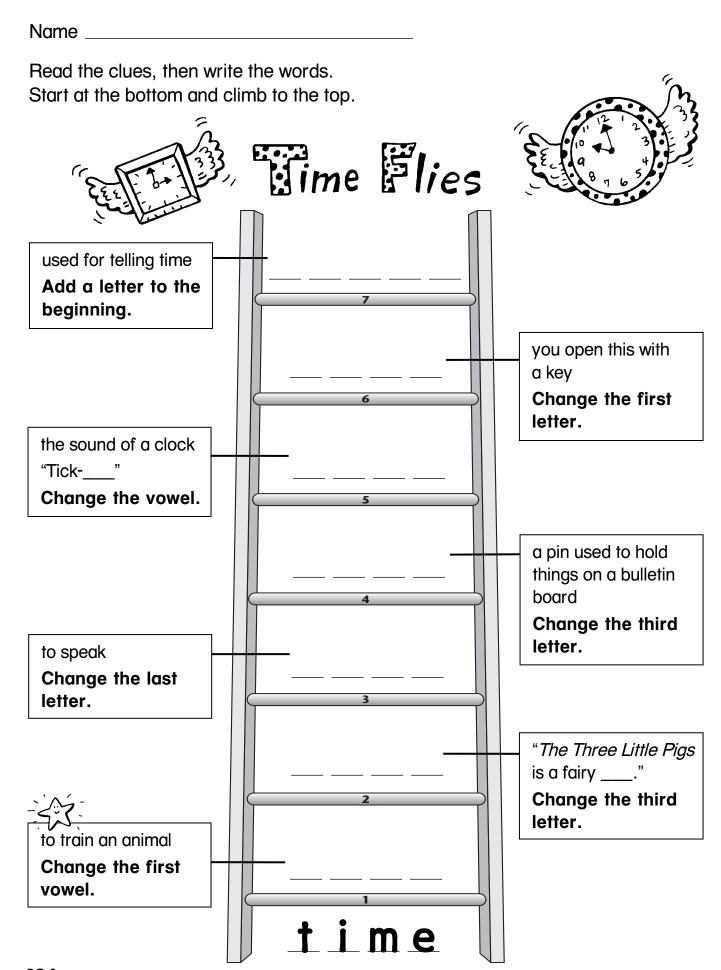


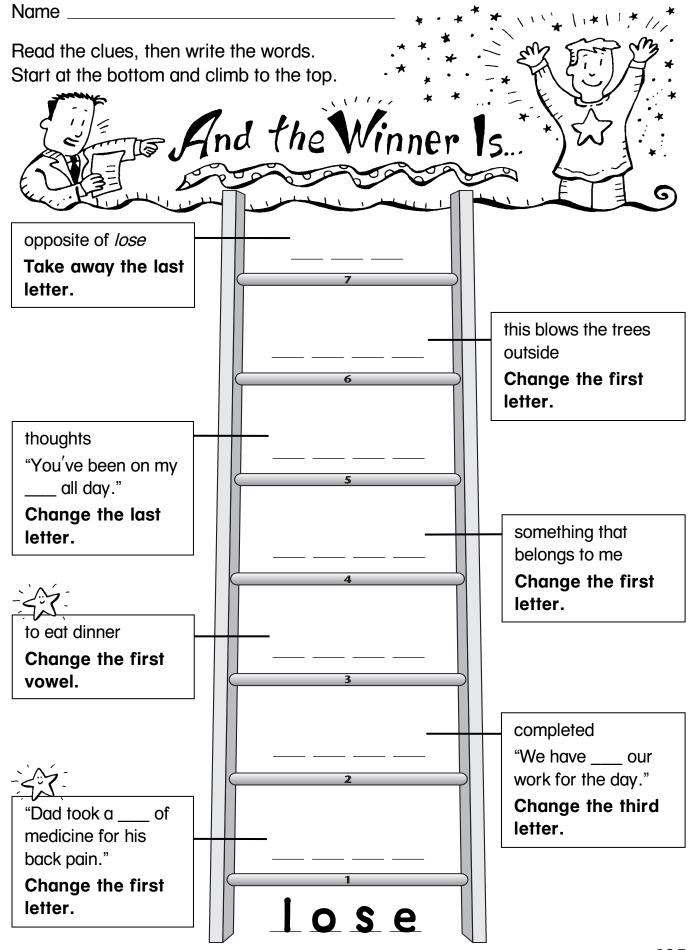


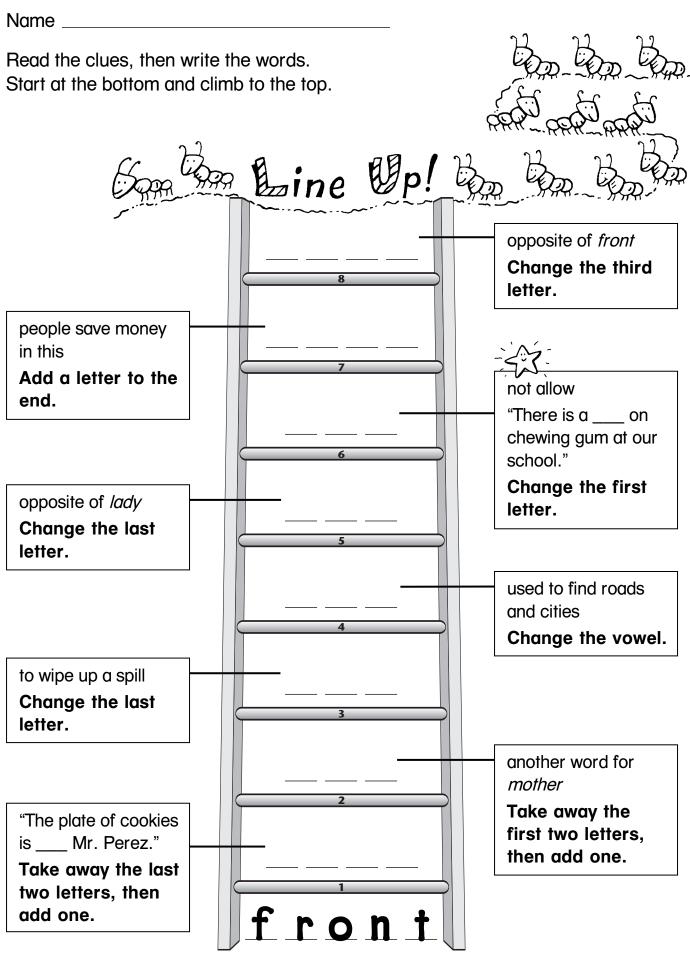


Read the clues, then write to Start at the bottom and clin		
Stop Constitution of the c	Around Town	
opposite of <i>stop</i> Take away the last letter.	7	
"A ongles doss	6	past tense of <i>get</i> "I wet on the water ride."  Change the first
"A snake does have legs."  Change the vowel.	5	letter.
	4	used to catch butterflies  Take away the third letter.
birds lay eggs in this Change the first letter.	3	
		an animal or bug that bothers you  "A fly can be a such a at mealtime."
when you walk, you take one after another  Change the vowel.		Rearrange the letters.
3	stop	

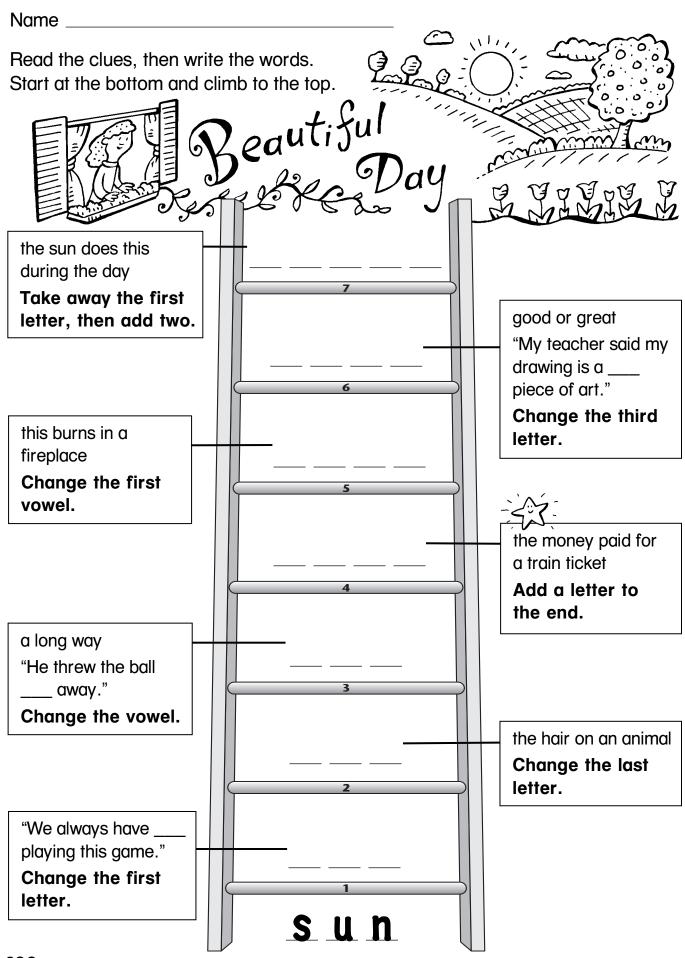
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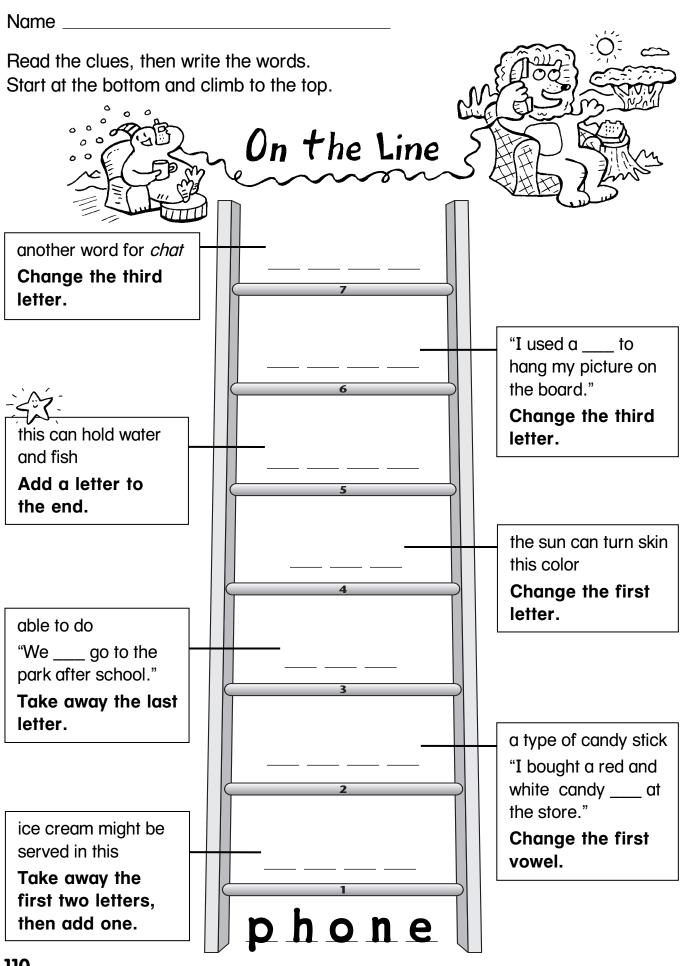




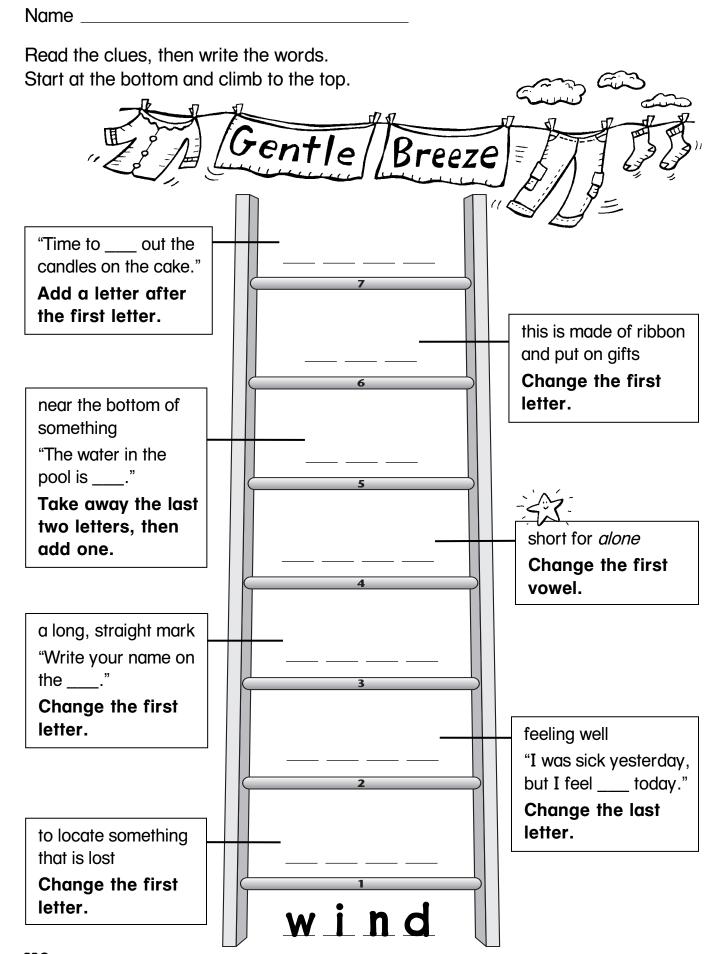
Name		
Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and cli		
	Cross-Country	
opposite direction of		
east Change the first letter.	7	
	6	to relax  Change the first letter.
a quiz  "We have a spelling today."		
Change the first letter.		opposite of worst
another word for	4	Take away the second vowel.
monster  "My sister and I read		
Beauty and the" Change the first letter.		a very large meal
	2	Add a vowel after the first letter.
opposite of slow	<u> </u>	
Change the first letter.		
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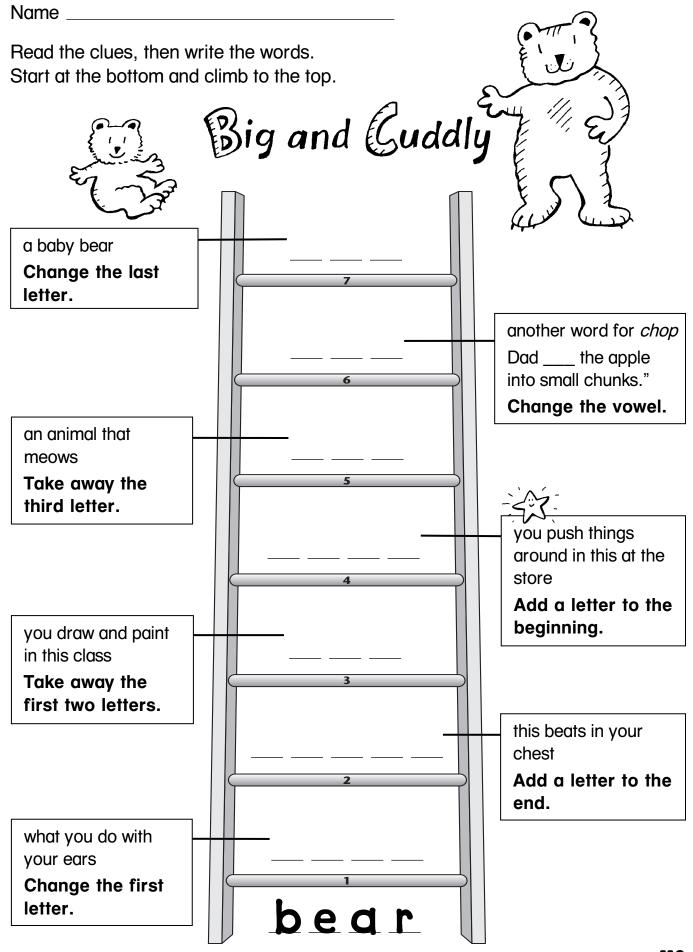


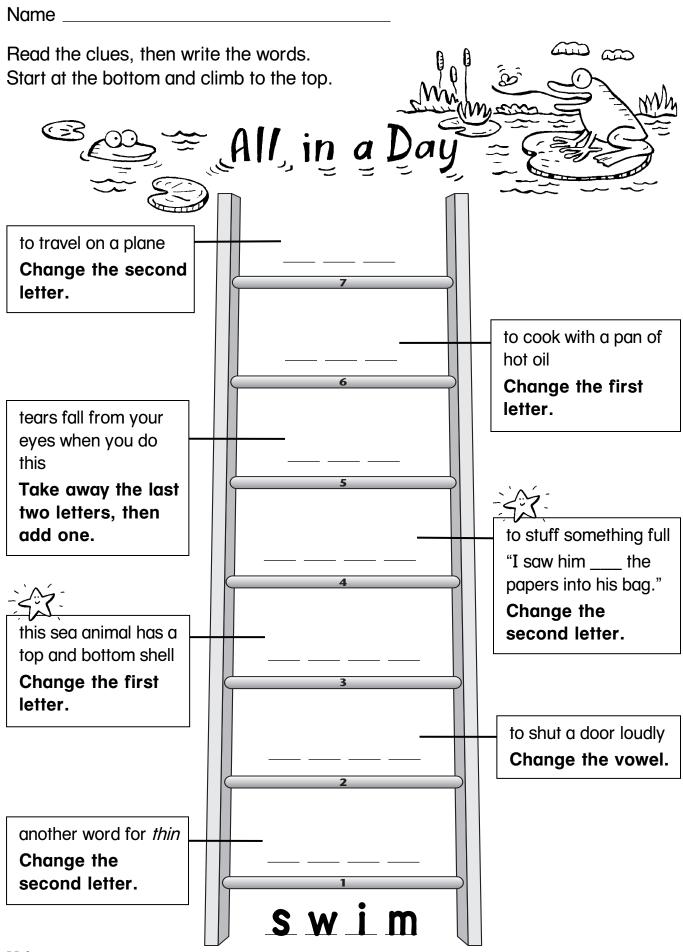
Name		
Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and cli		
ON DEST	Good (S)cents	5
you smell with this part of your body Change the first letter.	7	
to nut up for others	6	to stand still to have your picture made  Change the last letter.
to put up for others to see  "Let's our sign on the door."		
Change the vowel.	4	someone that bothers you Change the first letter.
the greatest  "Those were the cookies I've ever eaten!"		
Add a letter before the last letter.		a guess "I it rains today."
this makes a ringing noise	2	Take away the last two letters, then add one.
Take away the first two letters, then add one.	smell	



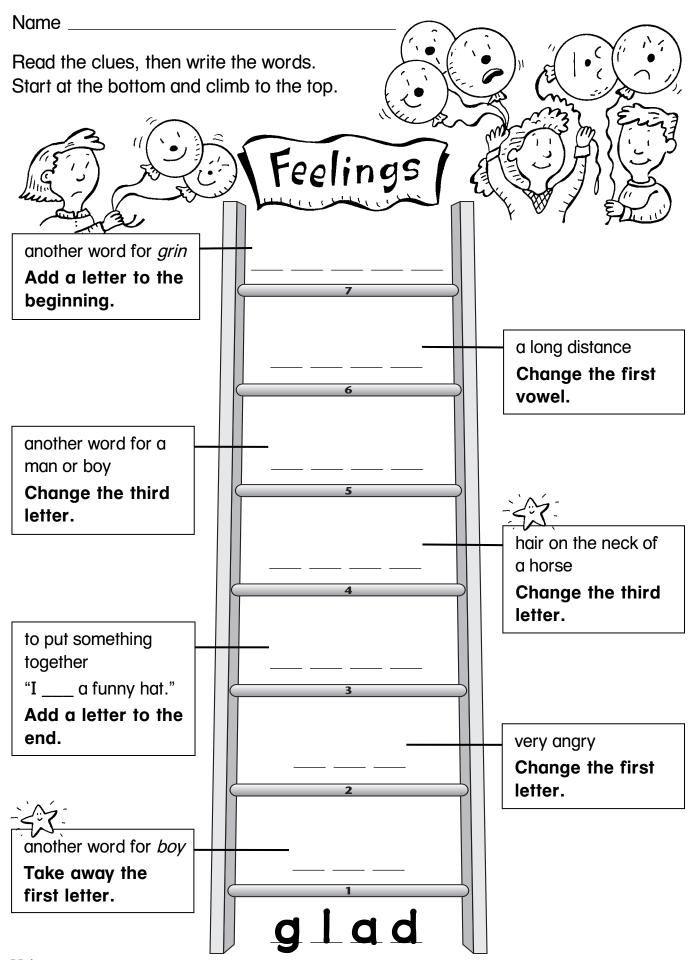
Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. Meadow Friends & an animal that has a beard and eats grass Add a vowel before the last letter. past tense of *get* "I \_\_\_ and A on my test." Change the first letter. a pan Rearrange the letters. the highest point of a mountain Take away the first letter. opposite of go Change the vowel. you take one at a time when you walk Take away a vowel. a very high slope "We walked up a hill." Change the sheep second letter.



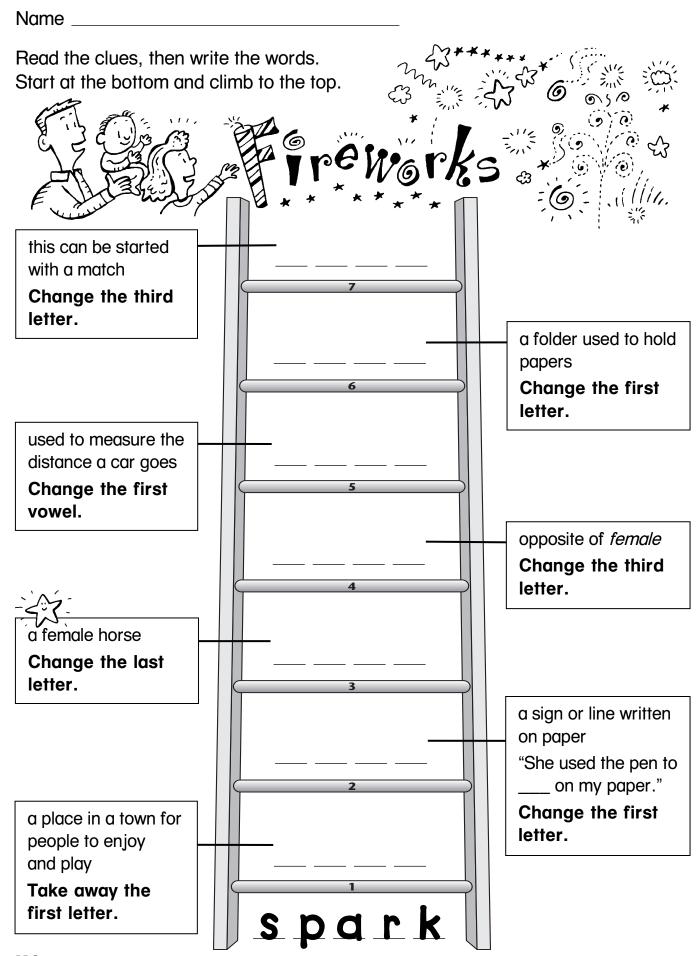




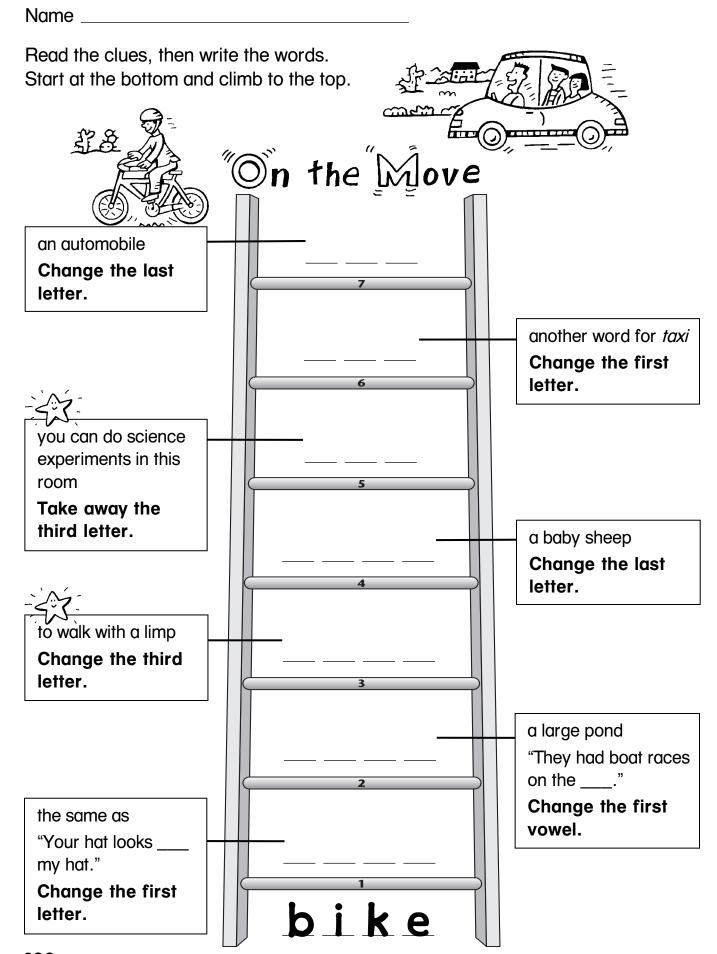
Name		
Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and cli		
	Open Wide!	
another word for shut "Please come in and the door."	7	FI
Add a letter to the beginning.	6	if you come in last, you the race Change the last letter.
something that you can't find is Change the first letter.	5	
<b>"T</b> la al a al a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	4	a pole used for holding a sign  Add a letter before the last letter.
"I helped mom make a of spaghetti."  Change the vowel.		
		"I like to visit the puppies at the store."  Change the last
a place where pigs are kept  Take away the		letter.
first letter.	open	



Name		_
Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and cl	_	m my
	Perfect Pair	
this number comes after one		
Rearrange the letters.	7	to pull something behind you
	6	"Please help me these leaves to the street."
you have one big on each foot	<del> </del>	Change the last letter.
Take away the third letter.	5	
		to have ripped a piece of paper
		Take away the first letter.
groceries	T	
Change the next to last letter.	3	
	+	another word for <i>rock</i> Add a letter to the
a sound	2	beginning.
"Please leave a		
message after the"		
Add a letter to the beginning.	one	

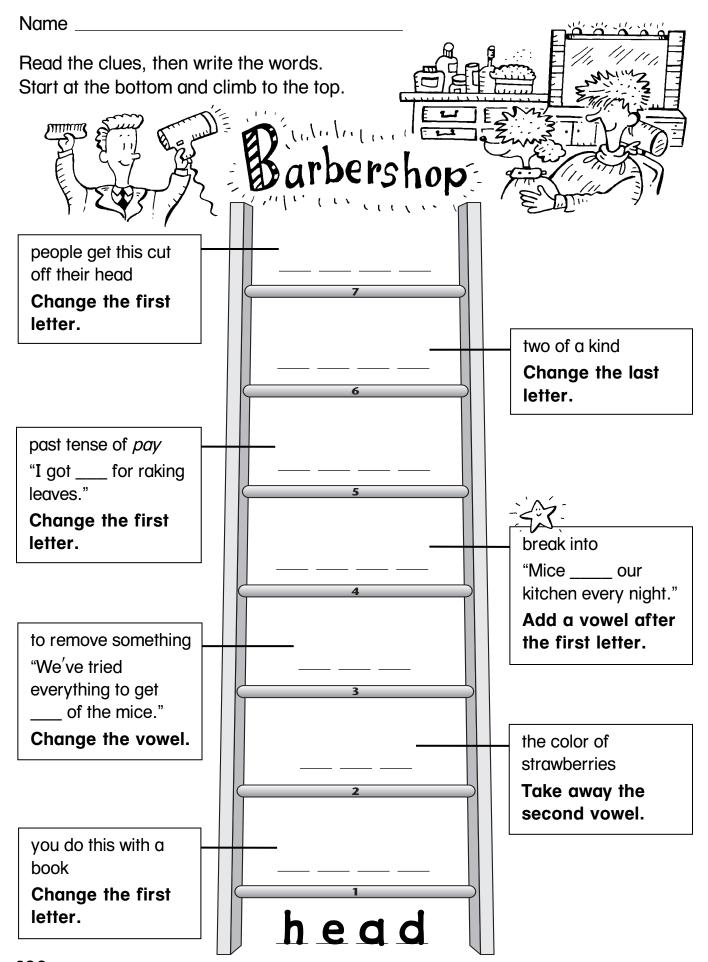


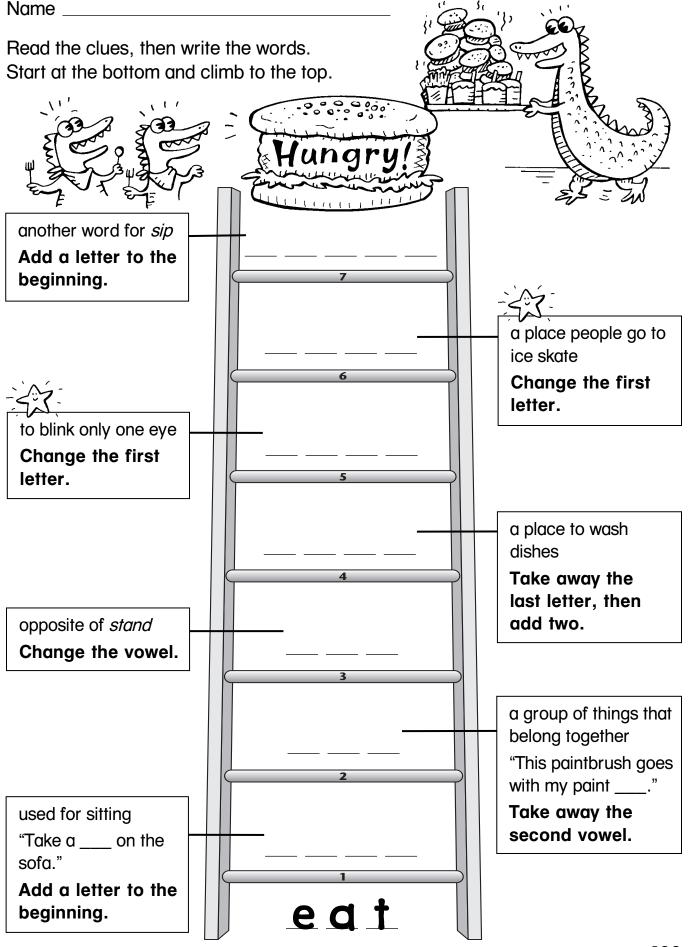
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Read the clues, then we Start at the bottom and		
another word for friend	<del>                                     </del>	
Change the last letter.	7	
		a flat pot used for frying food
	6	Change the first letter.
a metal container — that holds food		
Change the first letter.	5	
		the light brown color of some
	4	animals  Change the
this many toes are		vowel.
on your feet  Change the first	3	``^-
letter.		home to a bear or
	2	lion  Rearrange the
		letters.
opposite of <i>begin</i> Take away the	<del>                                 </del>	
first three		
letters.	friend	

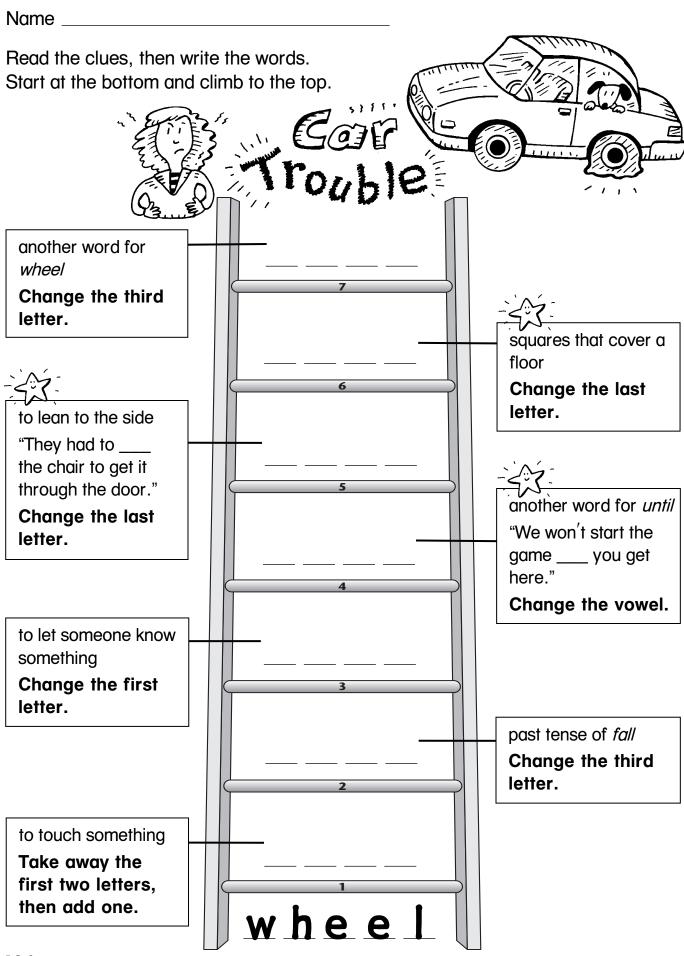


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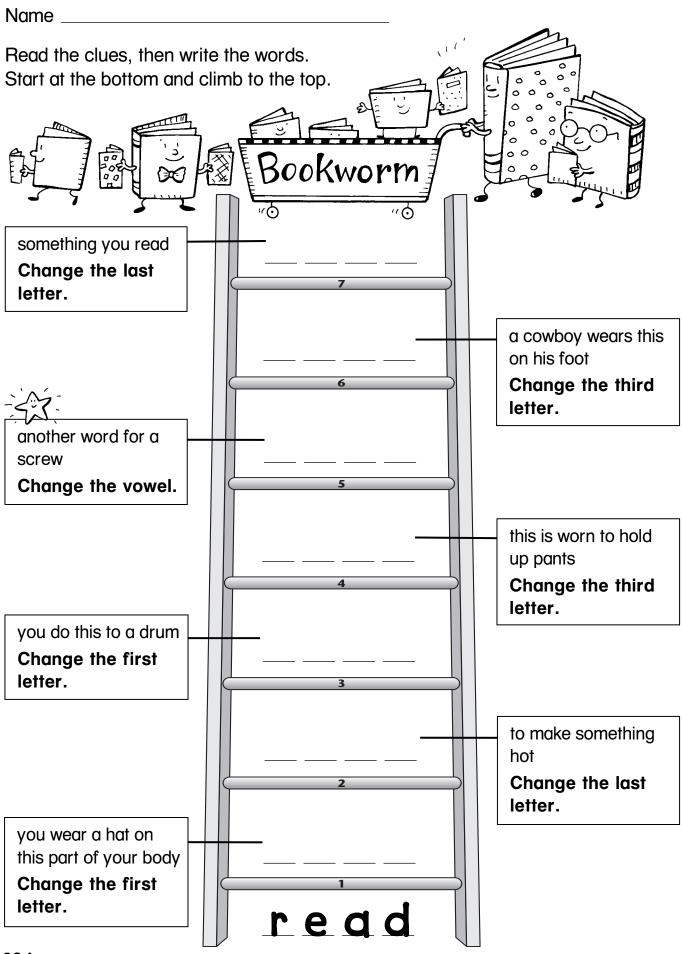
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. Pace Fourself opposite of fast Change the last letter. a slit "Put your quarter in the coin \_\_\_\_." Rearrange the letters. many things Change the vowel. another word for allows Change the first letter. animals that people own and take care of Rearrange the letters. a problem "My baby brother can be a \_\_\_\_ at times." Change the vowel. time that has gone by "The Pilgrims lived in the \_\_\_\_." Change the first fast letter.



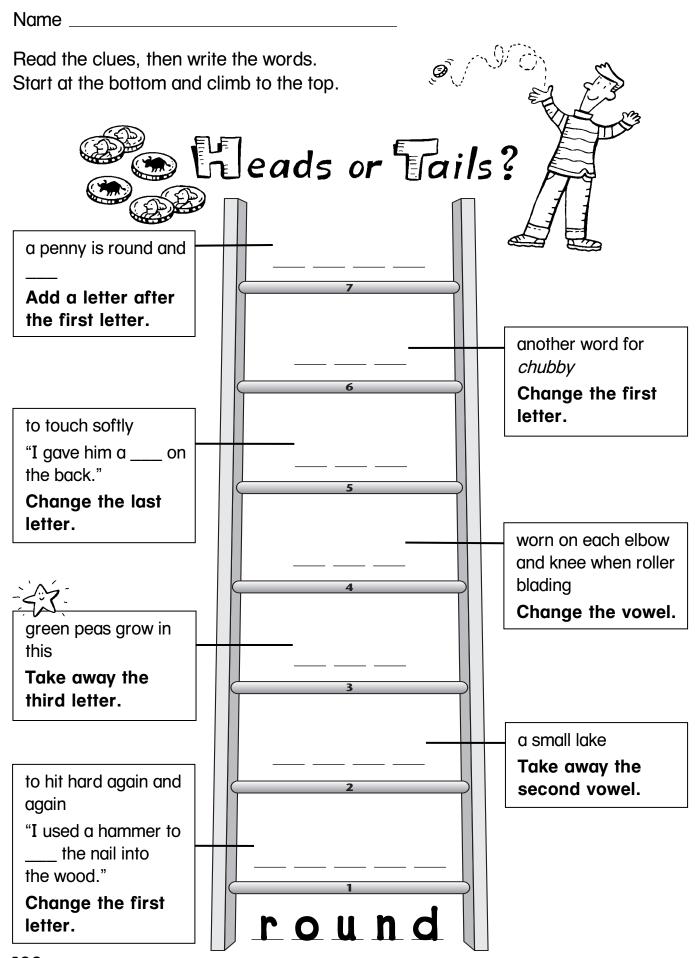


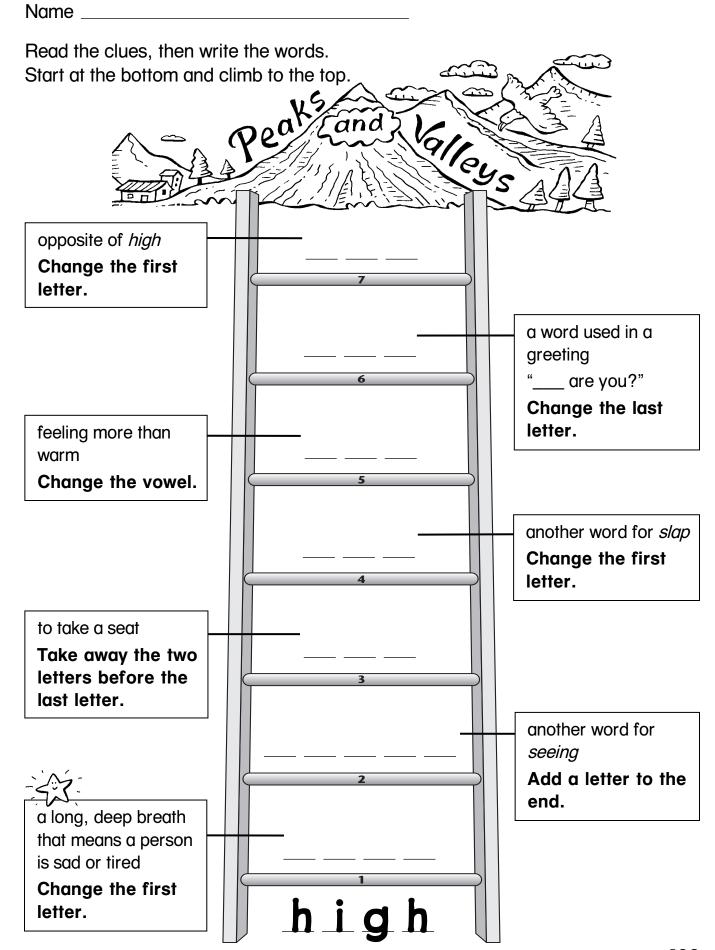


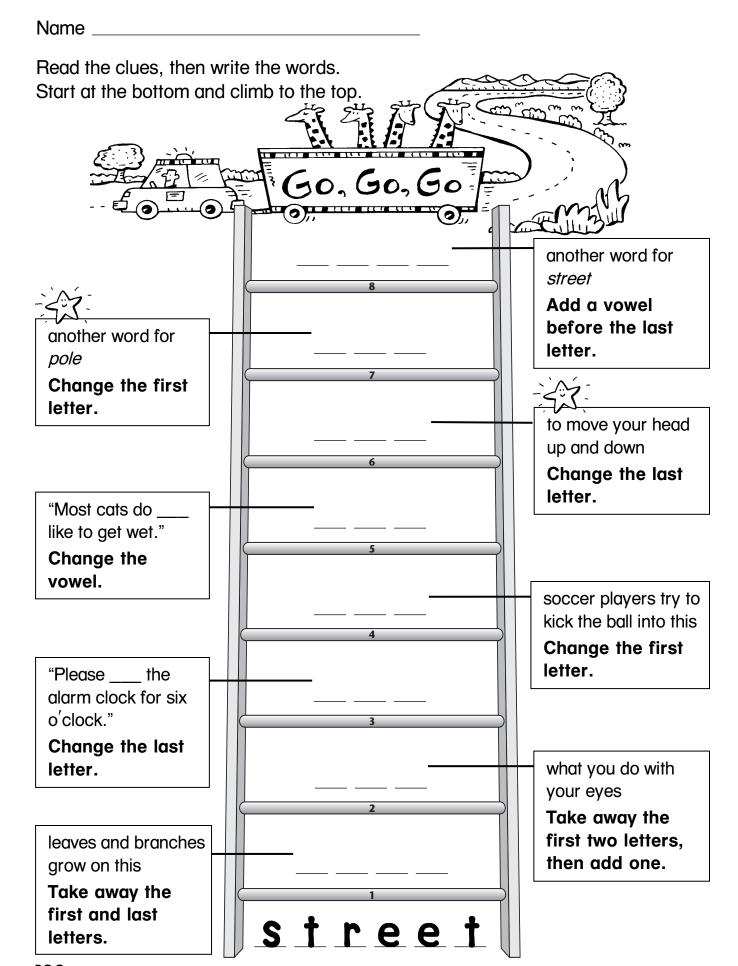
Name Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top. Bleed a bift? vehicle used for moving big things "They used the pickup \_\_\_\_ to move the washer." to push in the ends Add a letter after of a bed cover the first letter. "My grandma likes to \_\_\_ me into bed at night." Change the first a bird that quacks letter. Take away the last letter, then add two. past tense of dig Change the vowel. a poodle or a hound is this Change the last letter. a female deer Change the first letter. the front end of a shoe Change the last t o w letter.



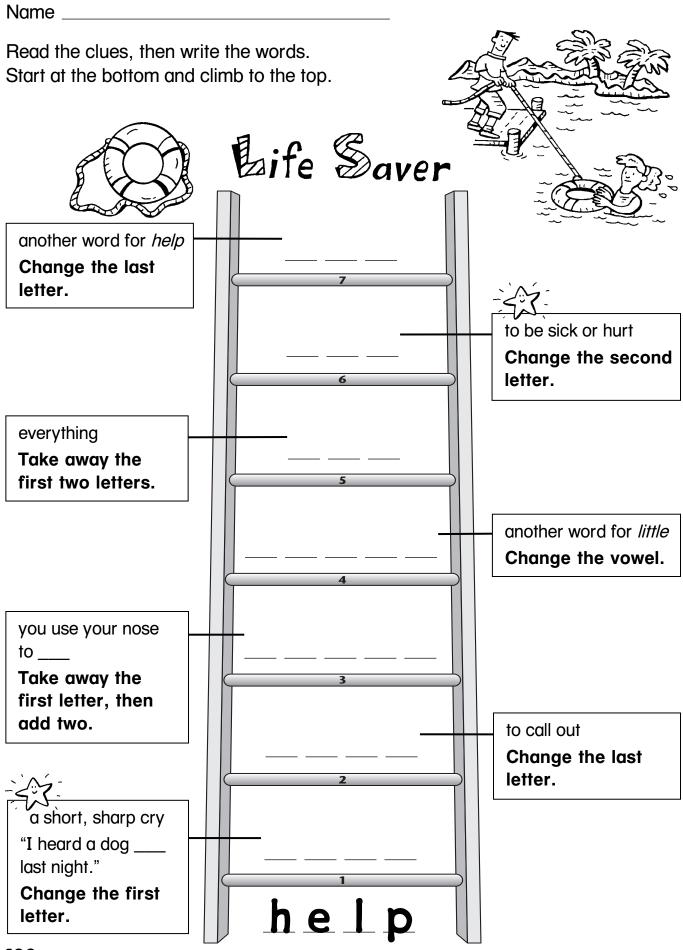
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Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and cli		anny and a second
	No.	
aring)	A Little Light	
this makes the light		
that comes from a		
candle  Add a vowel to		-207
the end.	II	a type of evergreen
	6	tree Change the last
to be the right size		letter.
"This shirt is a	<del>  _</del>	
perfect"	5	
Change the first letter.		a consult consciust
		<ul><li>a small amount</li><li>Change the vowel.</li></ul>
	4	
a flying mammal that		
lives in caves		
Take away the last letter.	3	
		you take a to
-33-	2	get clean  Take away the
a group of things		next to last letter.
"Let's bake a of cookies."	<del> -</del>	
Change the first	1	
letter.	match	
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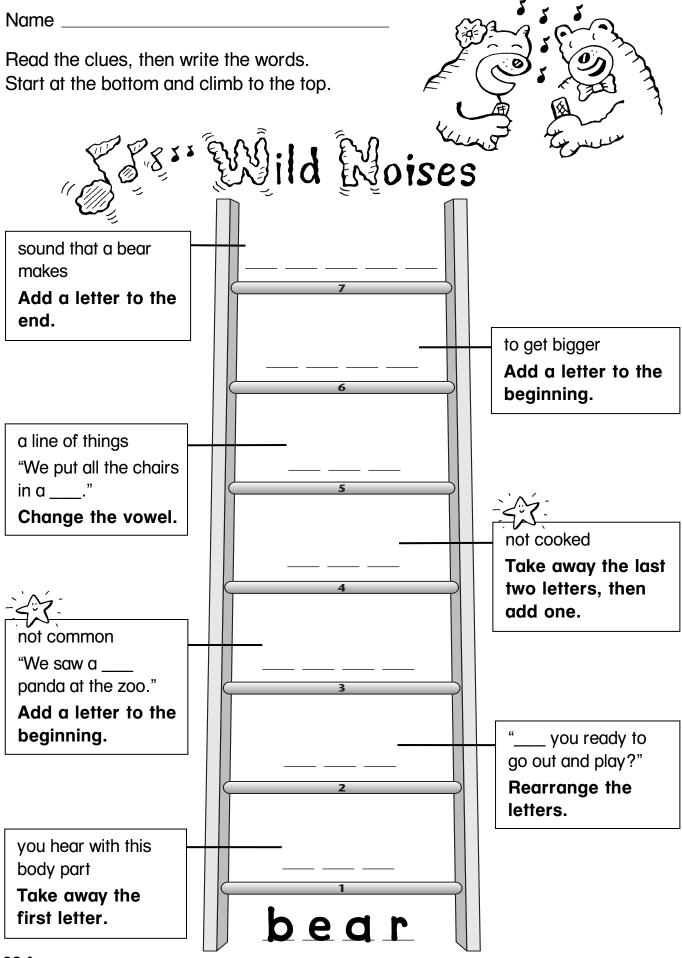




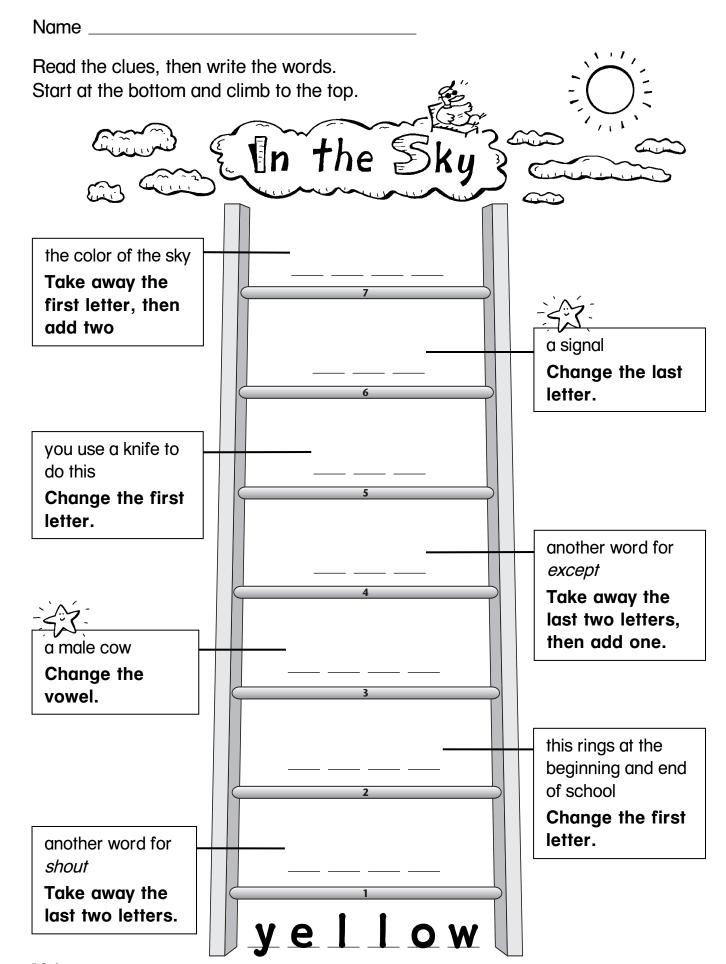
Name		
Read the clues, then wr Start at the bottom and		
	Blooms on Wheel	Is
a small wagon with two wheels and handles  Add a letter before	7	
the last letter.	6	a kitten grows up to be this Change the first letter.
opposite of <i>skinny</i> Change the last letter.		
	4	this blows air to cool a room Change the first letter.
light brown  Change the last letter.		
	2	this shows the price of an item  Change the first letter.
what a dog's tail does Take away the last		
two letters.	wagon	

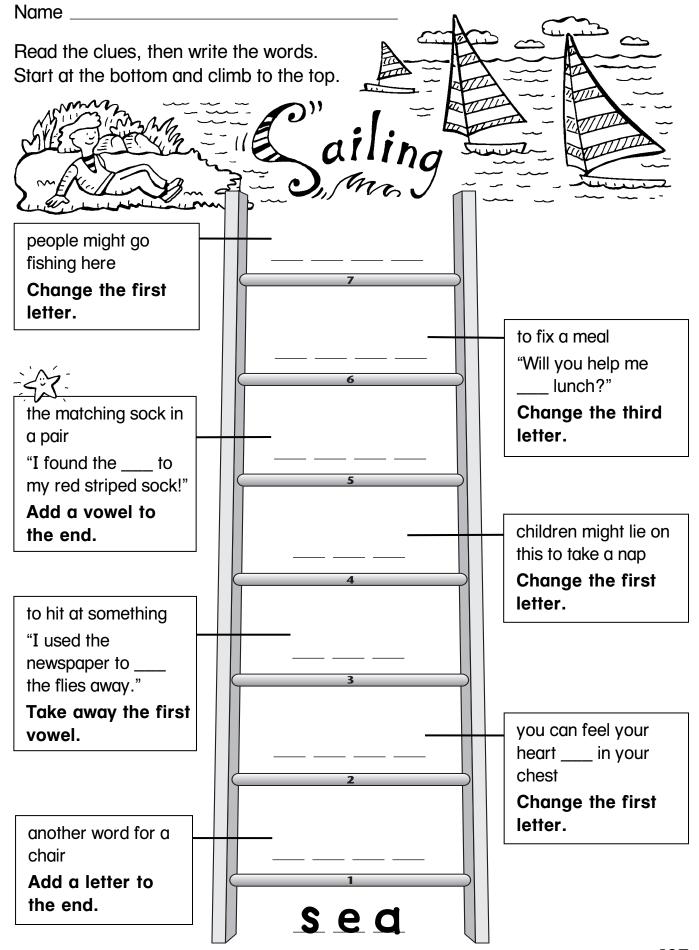


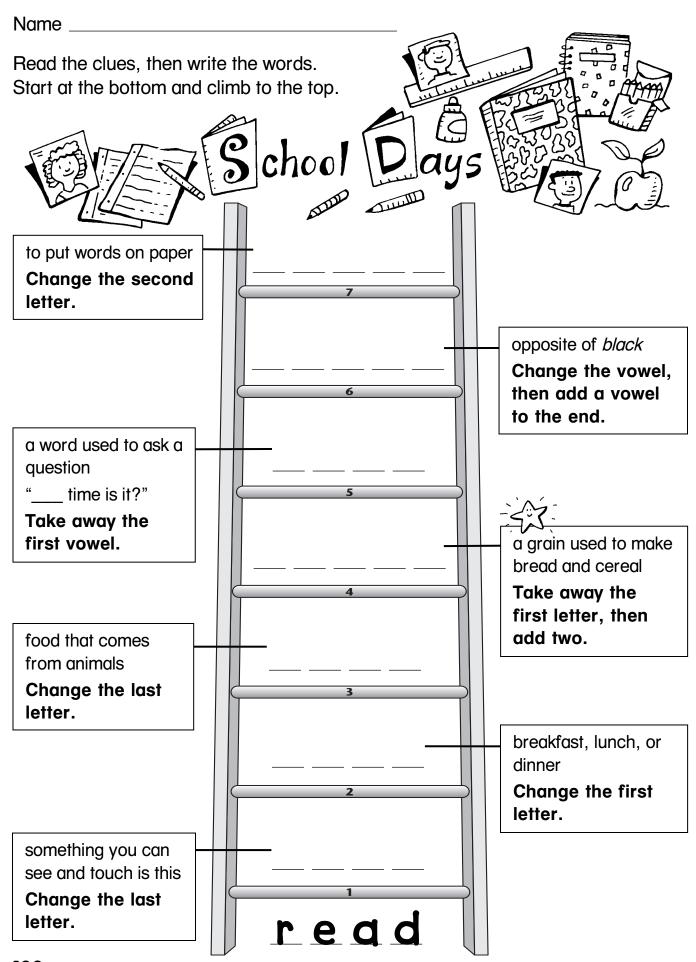
Name		
Read the clues, then writ Start at the bottom and c		
autter E	Bread and Butte	r
a slice of bread that has been baked Change the first letter.	7	
	6	Add a letter before the last letter.
another word for <i>ship</i> Add a vowel after the first letter.		
	4	this is used to hit a baseball Change the last letter.
not good Change the first letter.	3	
		past tense of <i>has</i> Take away the first two letters, then add one.
what you do when you sound out words Take away the first letter.	1	
ili Si lellel.	bread	



Name		<i>Ca</i>
Read the clues, then wr Start at the bottom and	~ / \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	
	Open-Air Ride	
a type of cart that can be pulled by a horse Add two letters to the end.	7	
	6	<ul><li>an insect</li><li>Change the first</li><li>letter.</li></ul>
another word for <i>cup</i> Take away the last two letters, then add one.		
	4	— a word for <i>have to</i> Change the vowel.
more than any other "We have the points." Change the first letter.	3	someone who
	2	entertains guests Change the last letter.
water goes through this long, rubber tube  Take away the third letter.	horse	

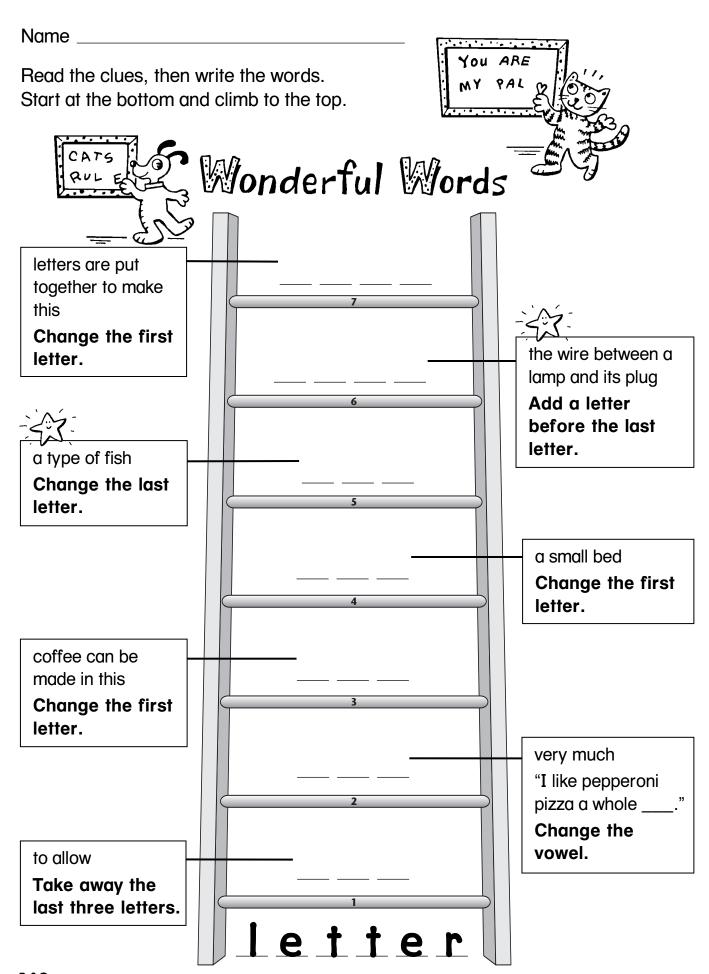


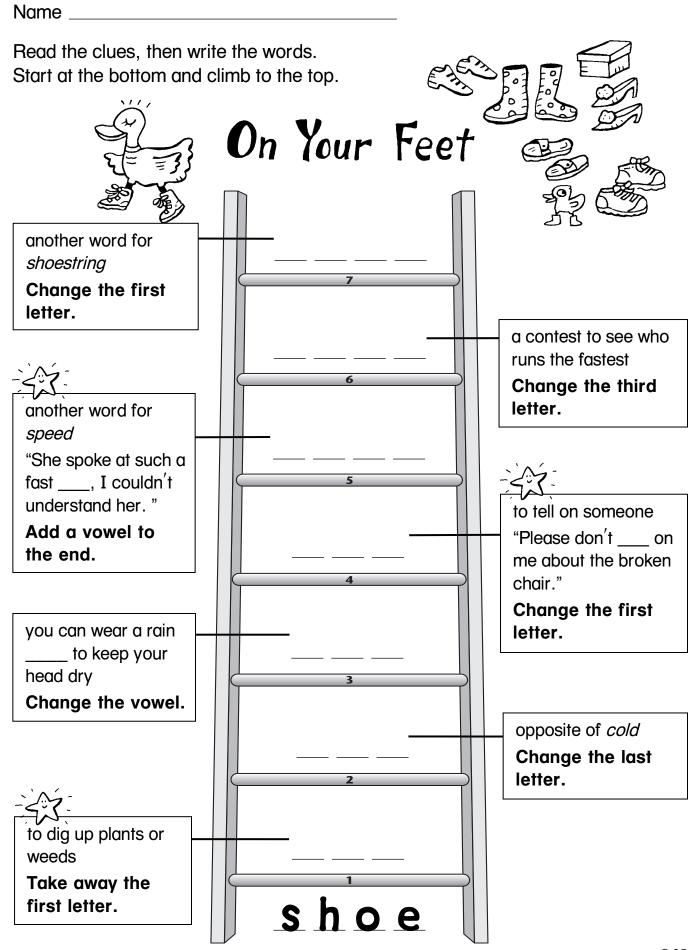


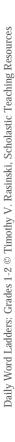


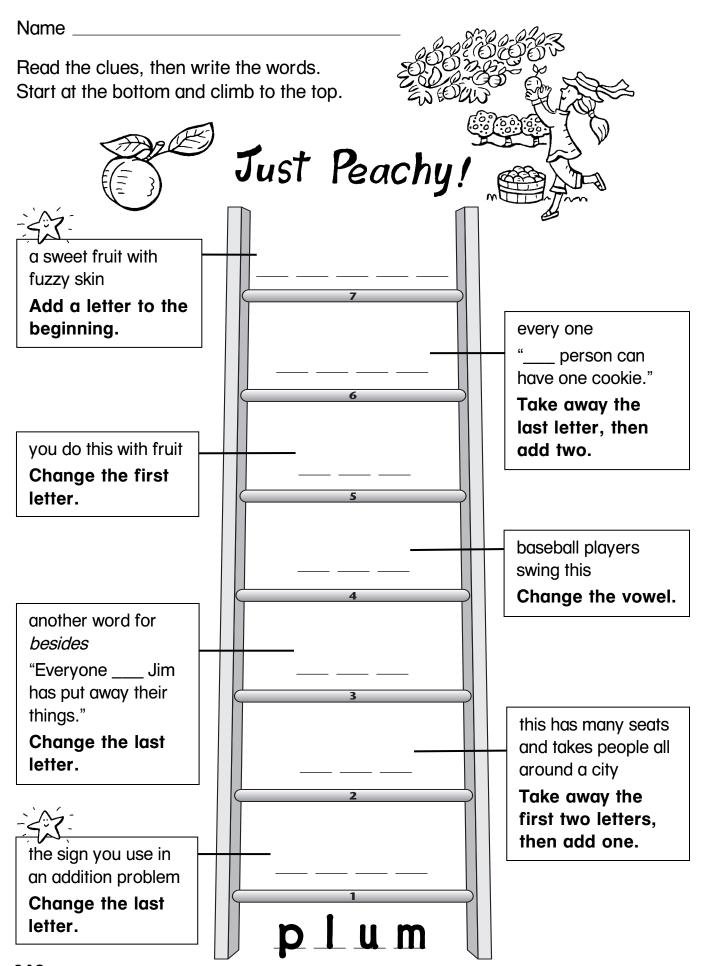
Name		
Read the clues, then Start at the bottom ar	nd climb to the top.	
	Toe-Tapping Tunes	
you wear a ring on this Change the	7	
first letter.	6	a person who sings  Add two letters  to the end.
to make music with your voice Change the first letter.		
	4	a bird uses this to fly  Add letter to the end.
to come in first in a contest  Change the vowel.		
		past tense of win  "My brother's baseball team the last game."  Change the last
great sadness Change the first letter.		letter.
	toe	





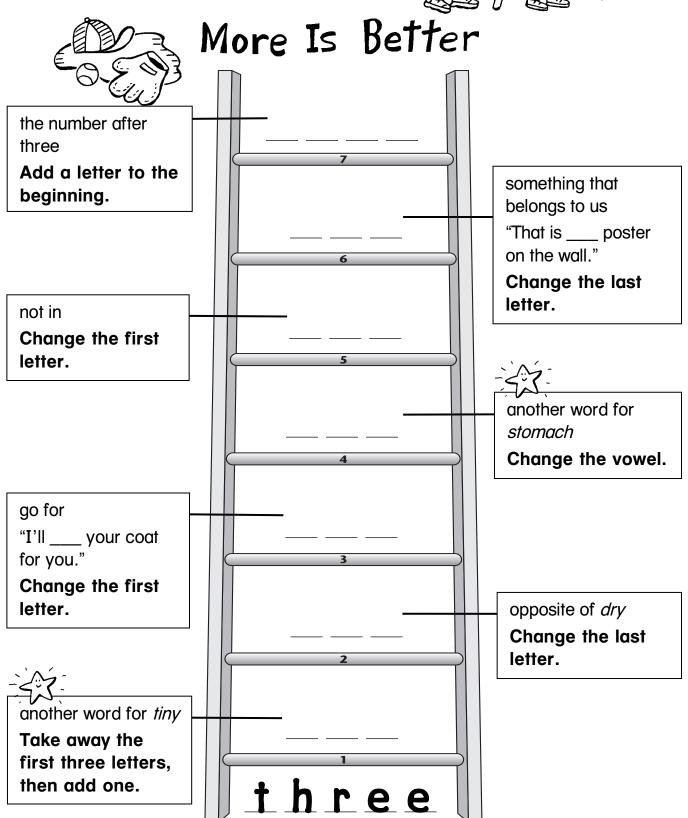


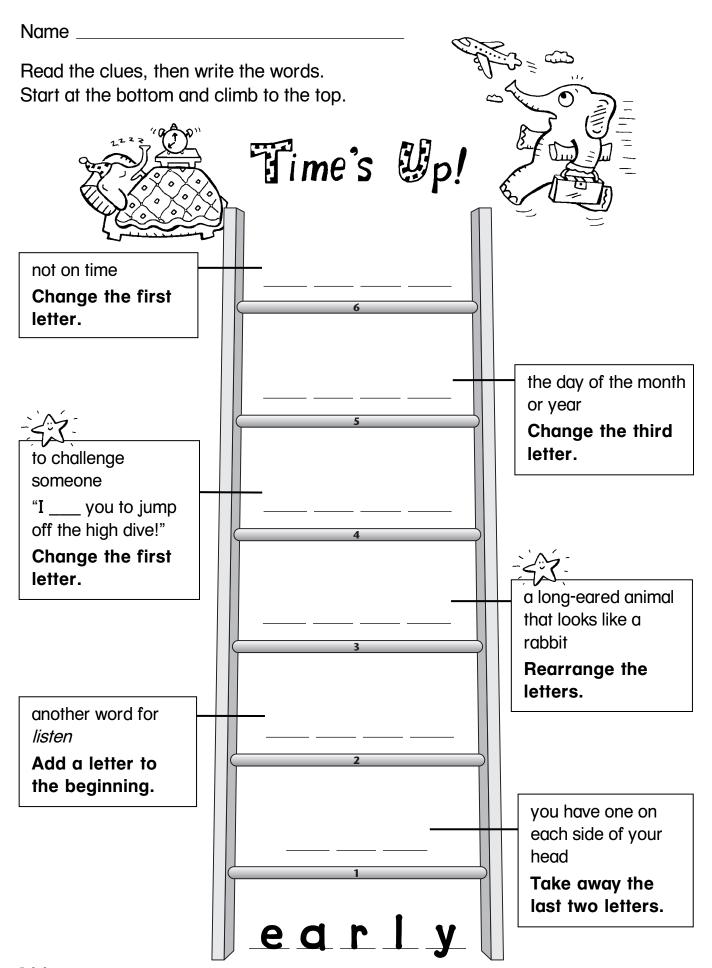


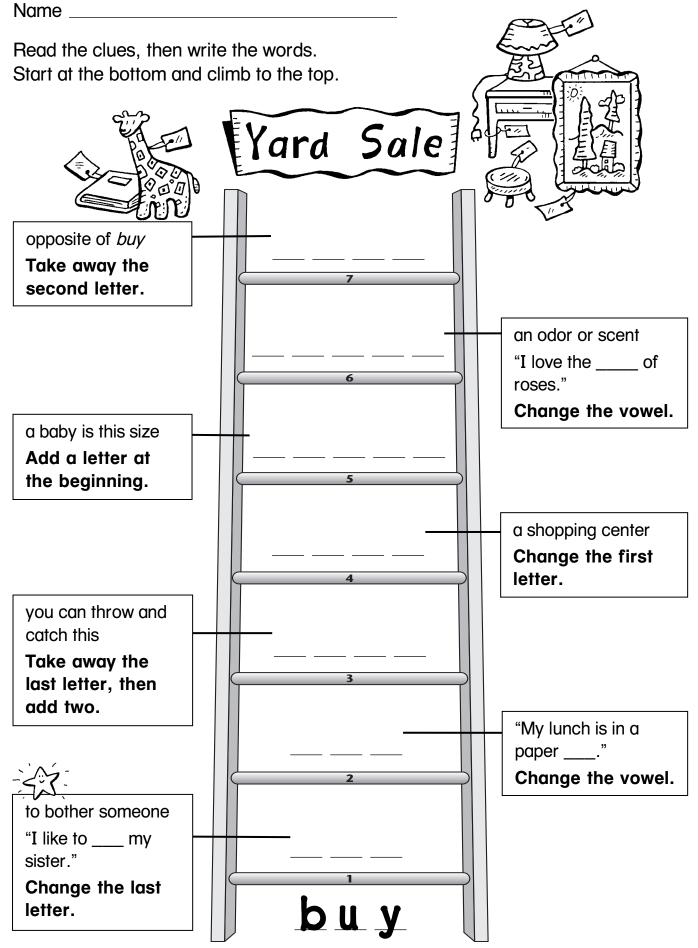


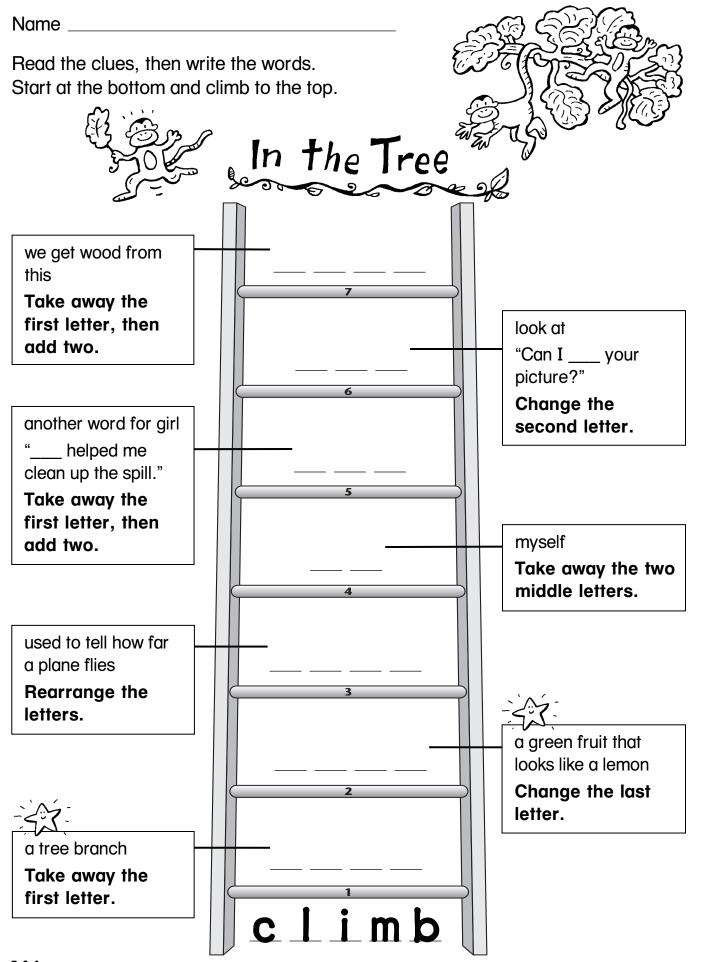
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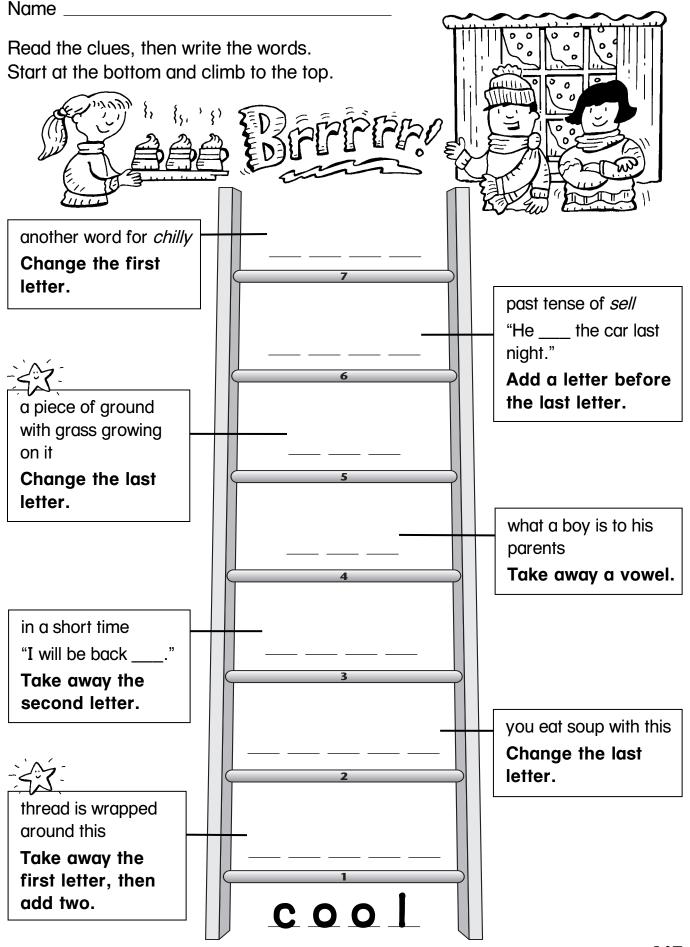


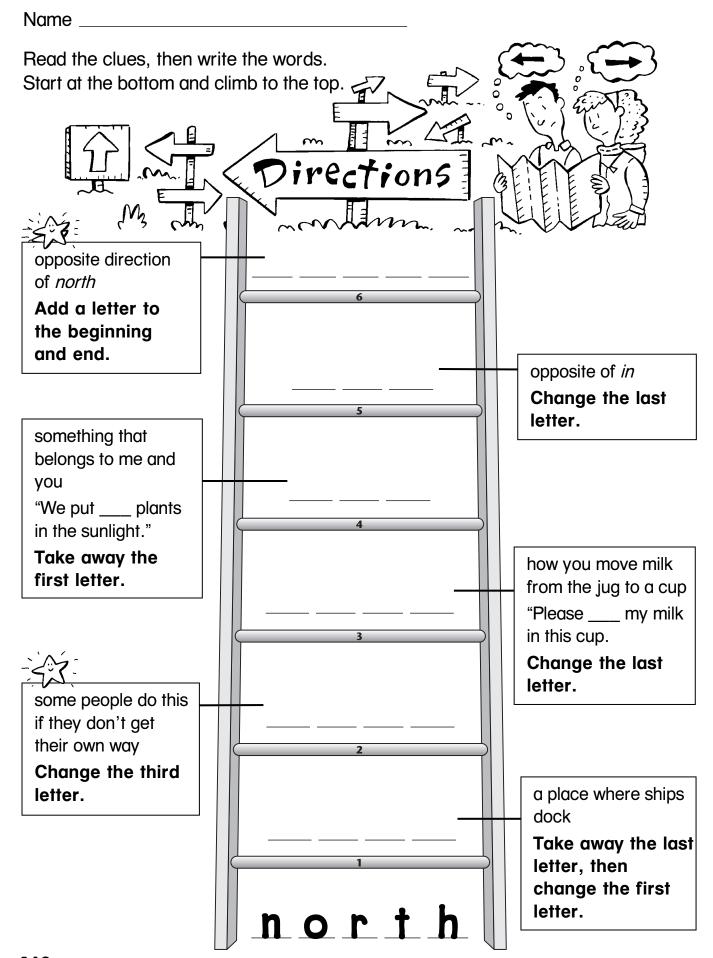




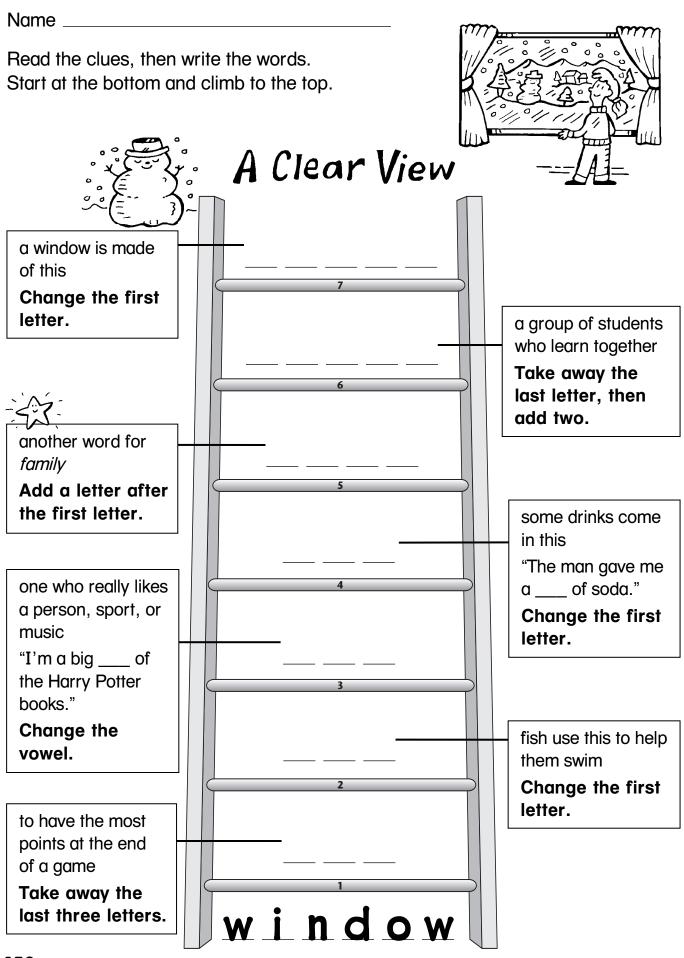


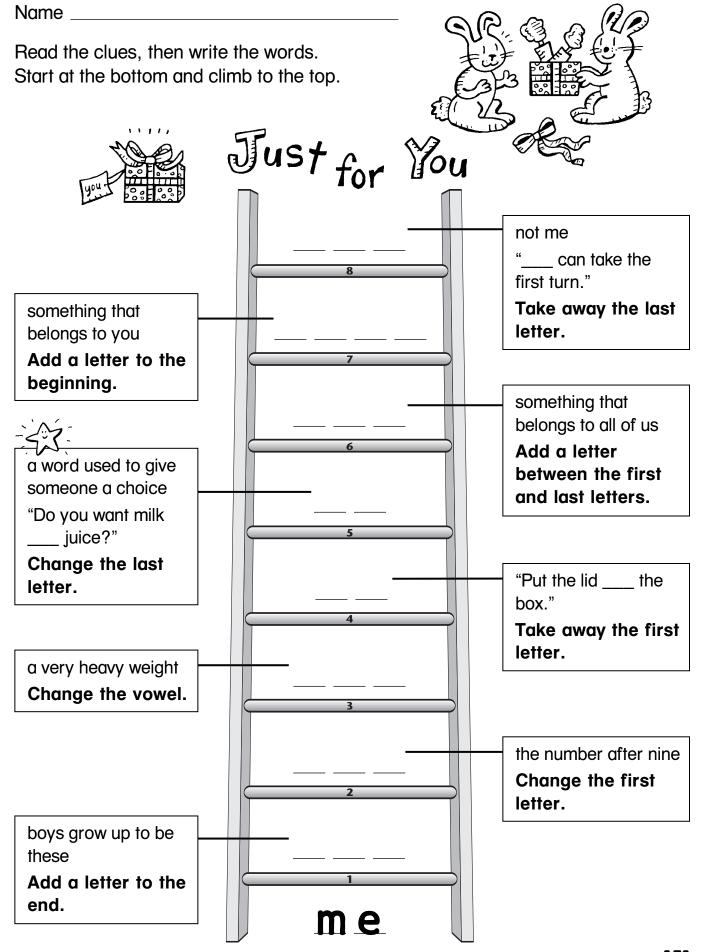


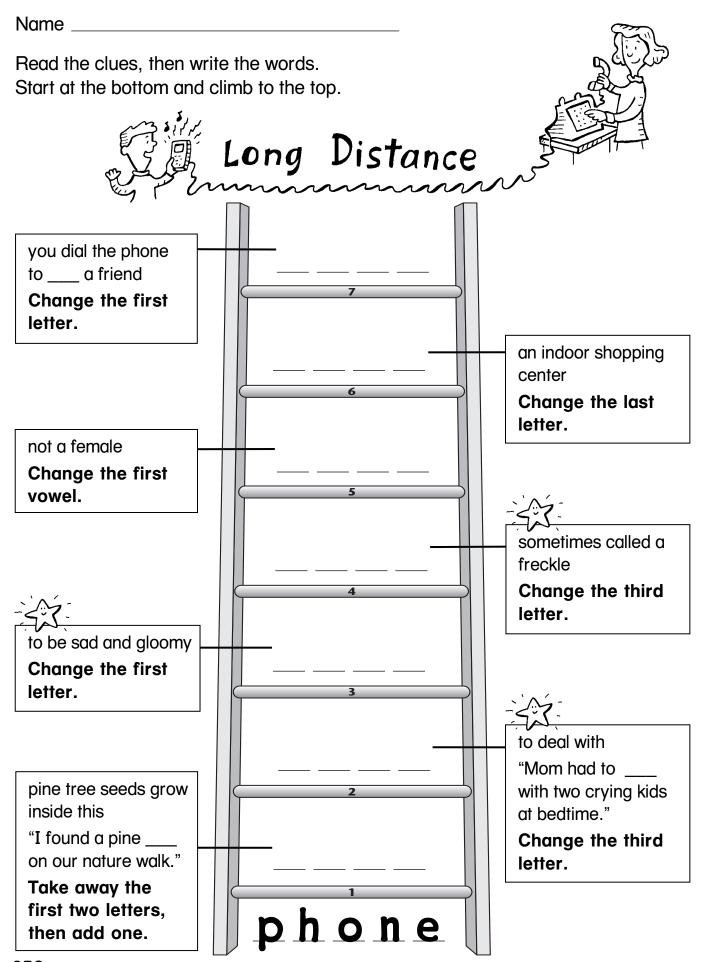


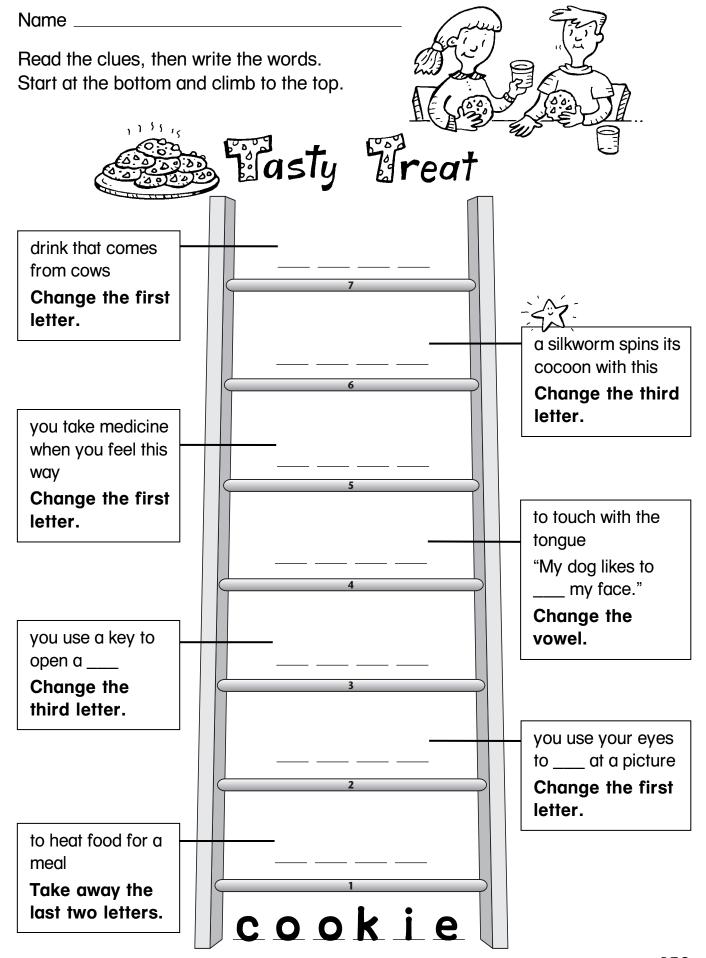


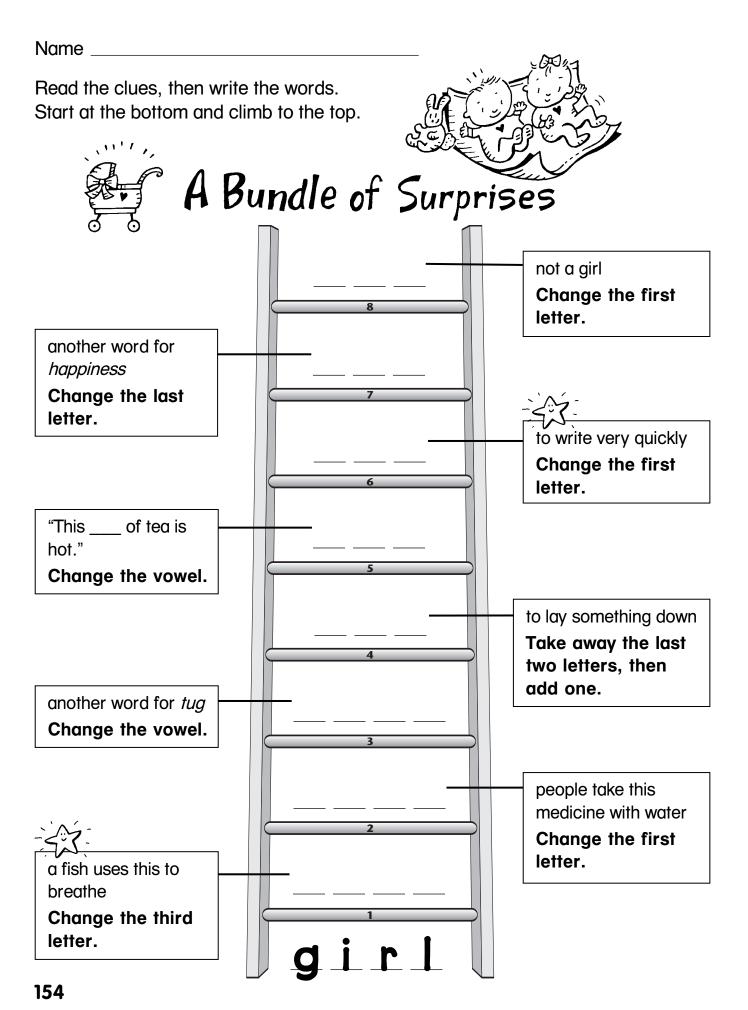
Name	orny
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.	cereal Toasty Wheat cereal
a type of bread "I like bread	sfast
better than white bread."	
Take away the first letter, then	ham is this kind of food  Add a vowel after
add two.	the first letter.
you can wipe your feet on this small rug	
Change the first letter.	
	a tiger is this kind of animal
used to carry things	Take away the third letter.
in the store	
Change the last letter.	
the string used to	send this to wish someone a happy birthday  Change the vowel.
open and close blinds — — — —	
Change the last letter.	
Corn	



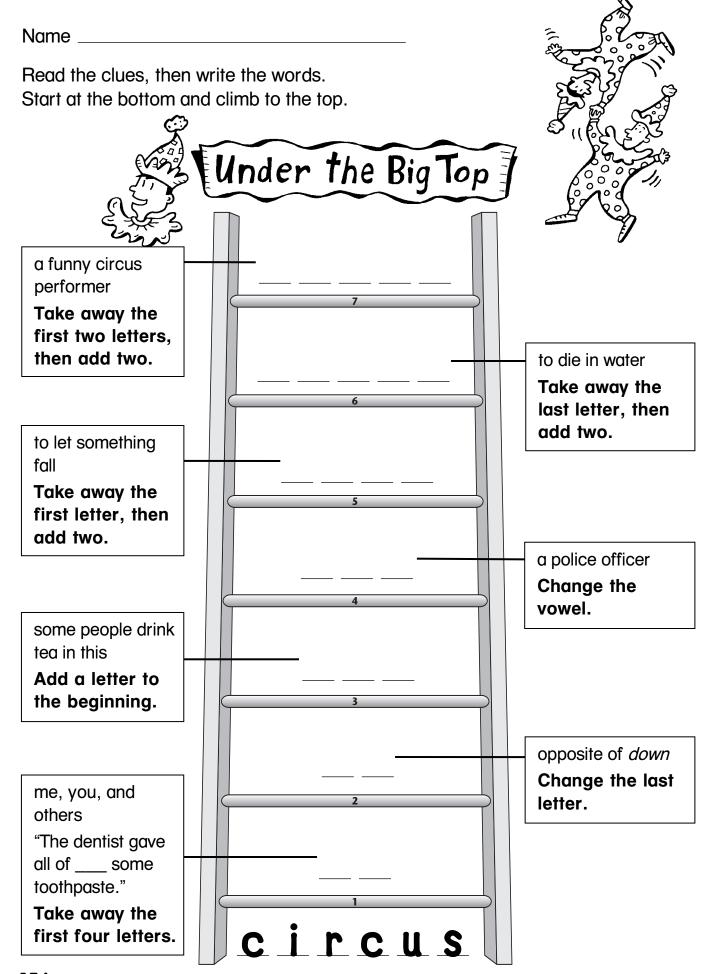


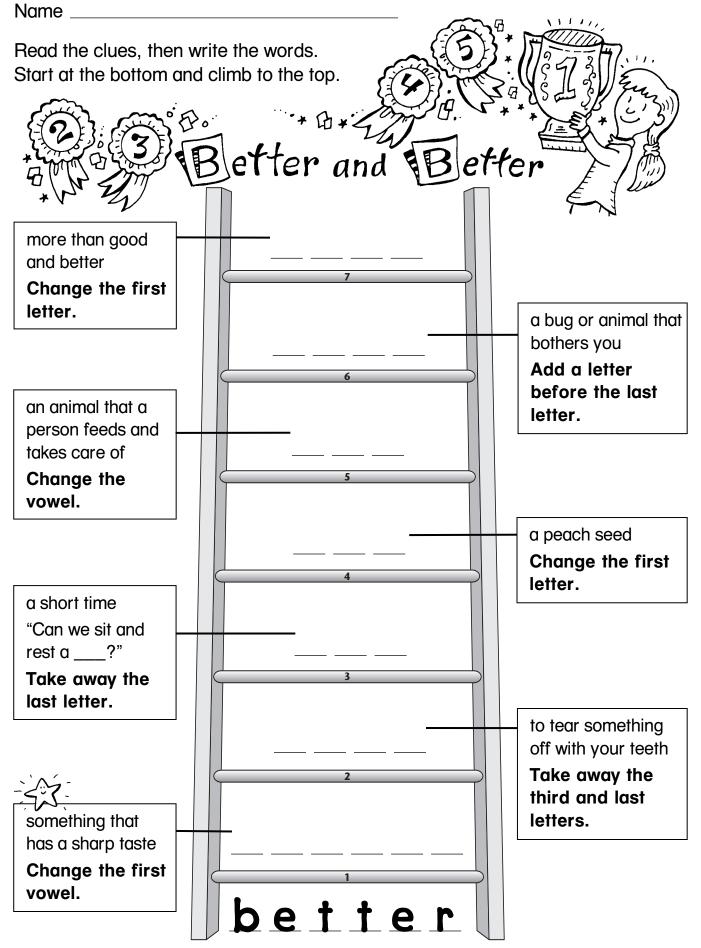


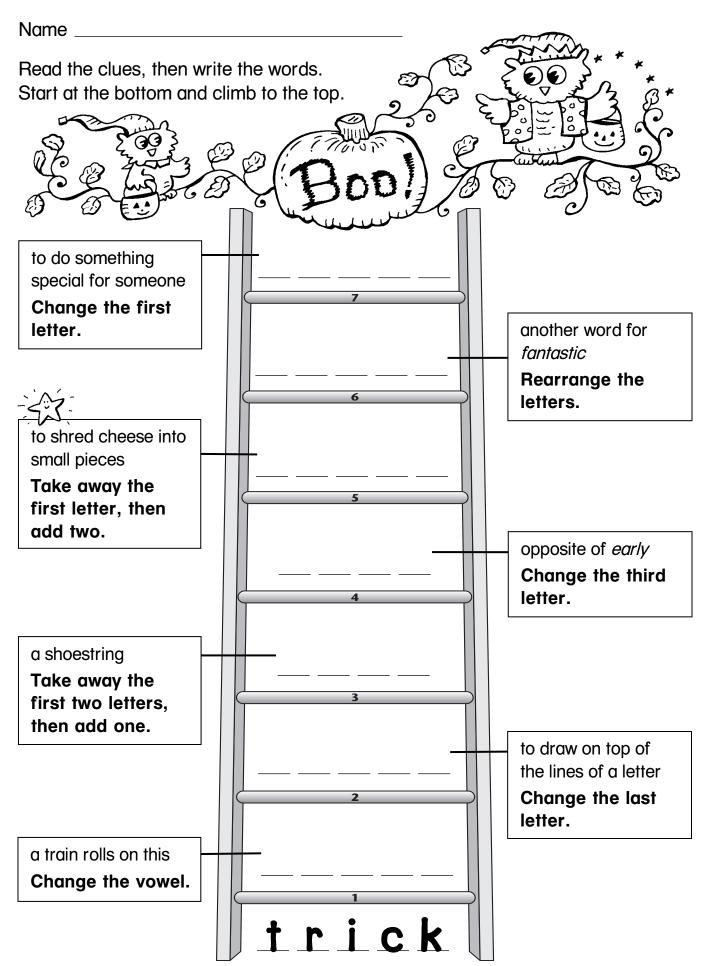


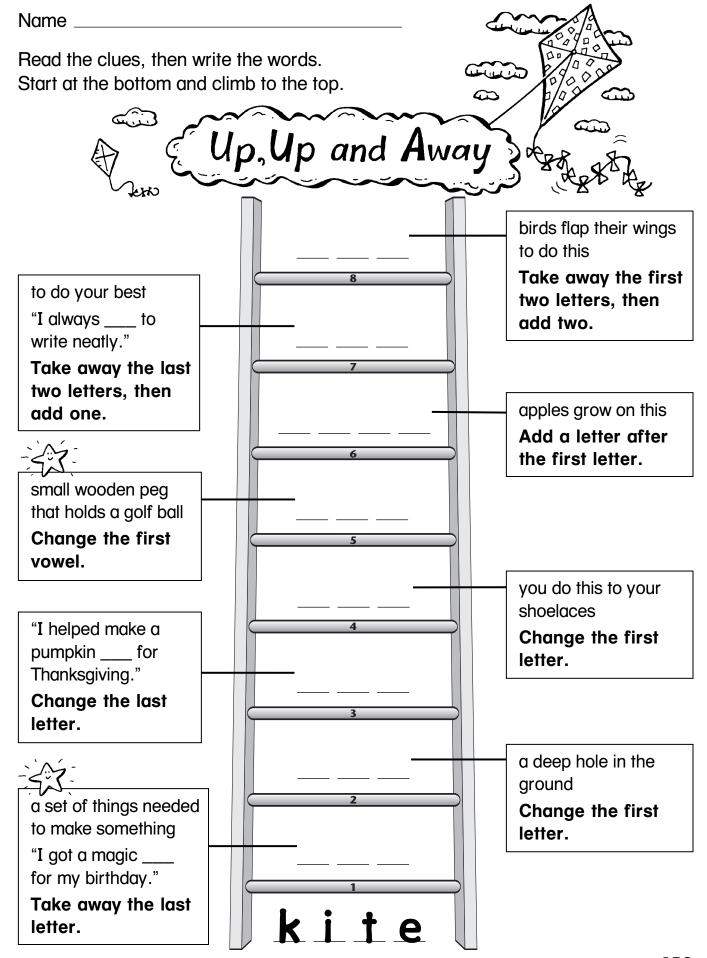


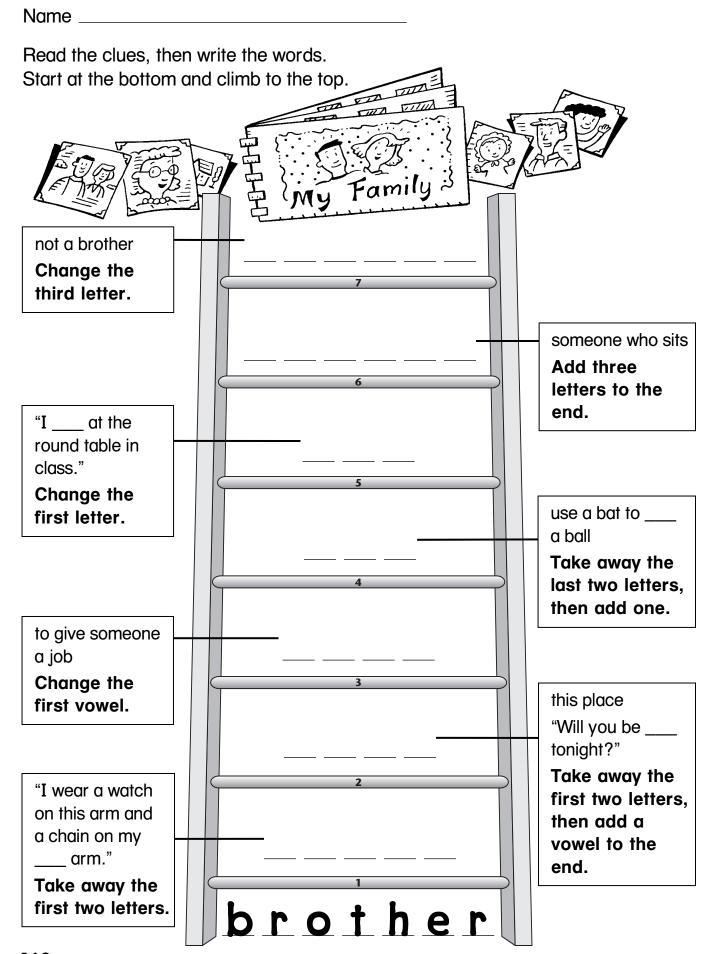
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	Fried Snacks	
	8	to cook something in oil  Change the first letter.
opposite of wet  Change the second letter.	7	
another word for	6	opposite of <i>night</i> Change the first letter.
"Many ships dock in the San Francisco		
Change the vowel.	4	opposite of <i>sell</i> Change the last letter.
the bread that a hot dog is put in Take away the	3	ierier.
last two letters.		a lot "I have a of books at home."
a long wooden seat found at the park  Take away the		Change the vowel.
first two letters, then add one.	French	



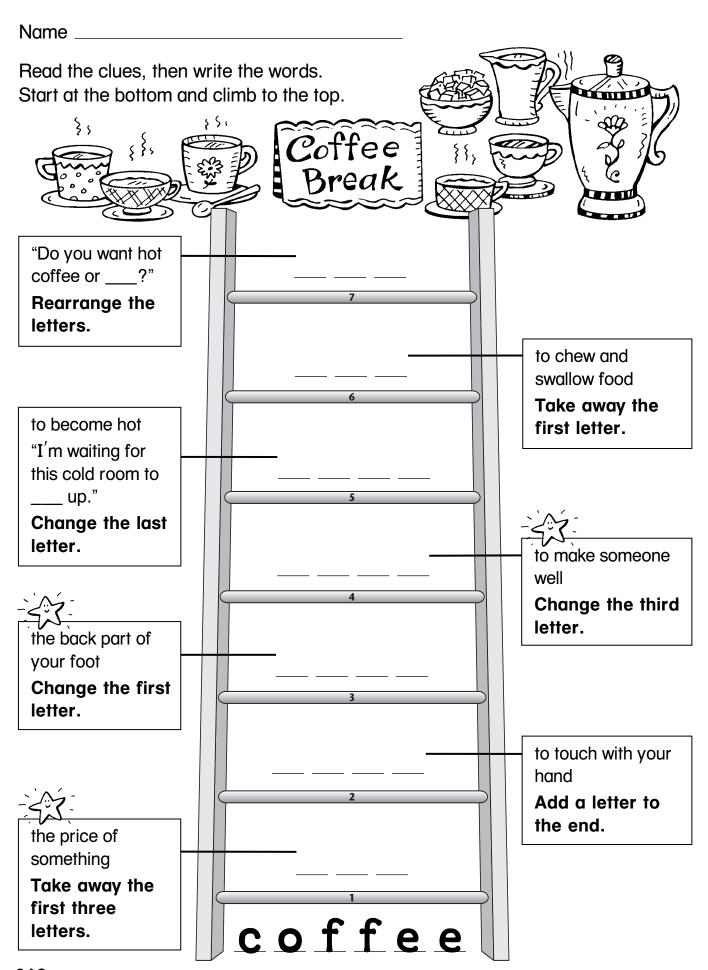




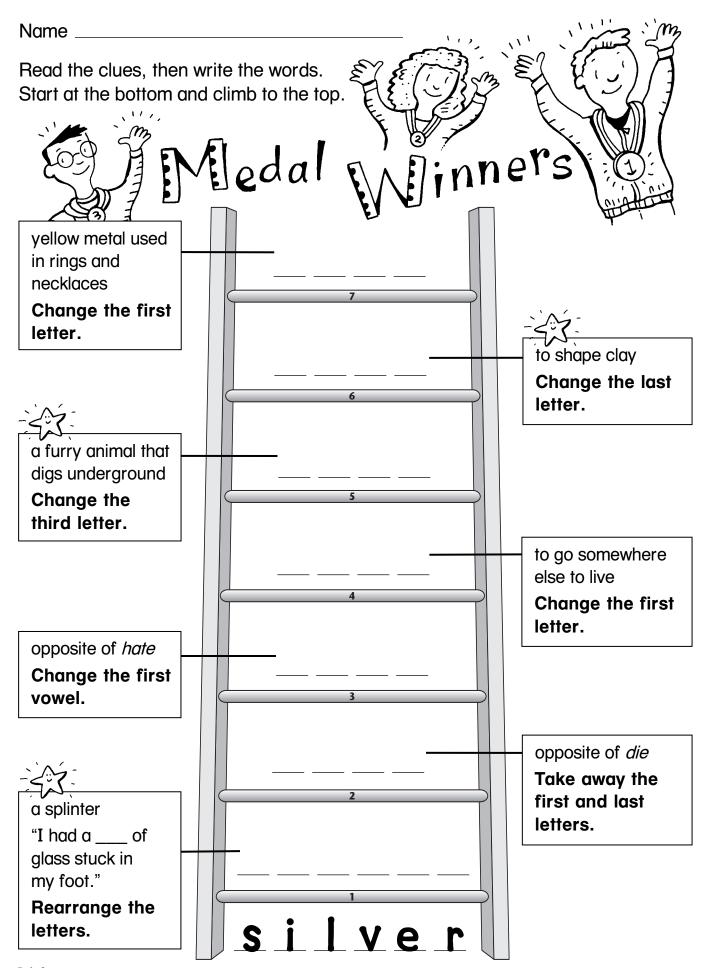




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	On the Set	
<u>e</u> wb		a famous actor or singer
the black, gooey	8	Add a letter to the beginning.
stuff used to make roads	7	
Change the last letter.	6	to turn brown or browner in the sunlight
2,000 pounds  Take away the		Change the vowel.
last letter.	5	a musical note
finished	4	Change the first letter.
Change the third letter.	3	
	2	a type of bird  Change the first letter.
to wiggle around  Take away the		
next to last letter.	movie	



Name		
Read the clues, then write Start at the bottom and a		3
To many	Preener distribution	res million
another word for	8	the color of grass  Take away the vowel, then add two vowels.
smile Change the last	7	
letter.		not cheerful "The speaker looked
-33-	6	when he entered the room."
the outer edge of a cup or plate		Add a letter to the beginning.
Change the vowel.	5	
	4	a male sheep  Take away the
a sea animal with a top and bottom shell		first two letters, then add one.
Take away the last two letters, then add one.	3	
men dad one.		"We are all in Mr. Rowe's at school."
something you drink from		Change the first letter.
Change the second letter.	grass	
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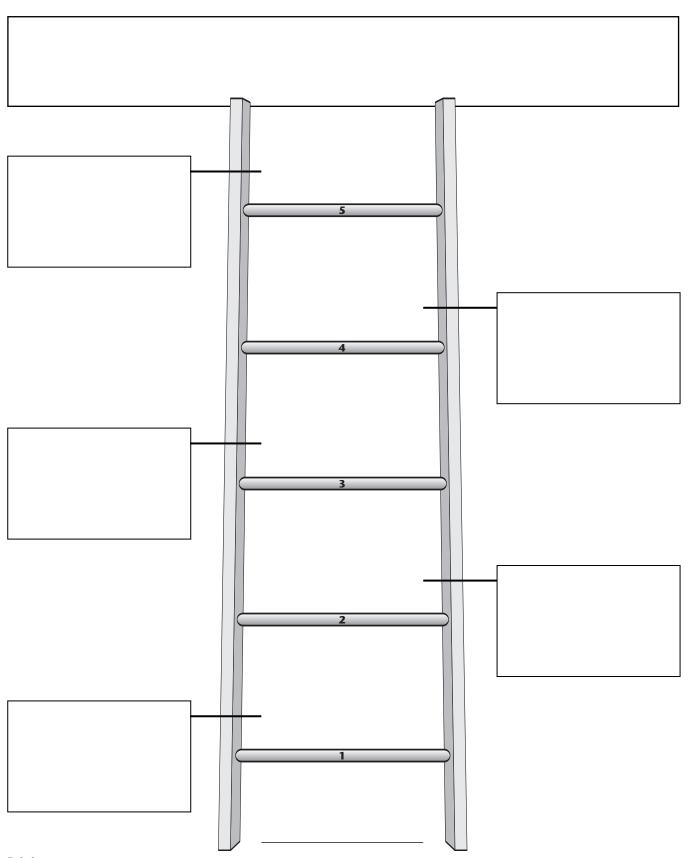


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	8	to stop sleeping Change the first letter.
tool used to sweep up leaves		-33-
Change the third letter.		to rank or judge something
	6	"How does our team against other teams?"
to tell on someone Change the first letter.	5	Add a vowel to the end.
	4	a light touch Change the vowel.
animals are sold at a store		
Change the last letter.	3	a lot of energy
		Take away a vowel.
baby birds make this sound		
Take away the first two letters, then add one.	sleep	

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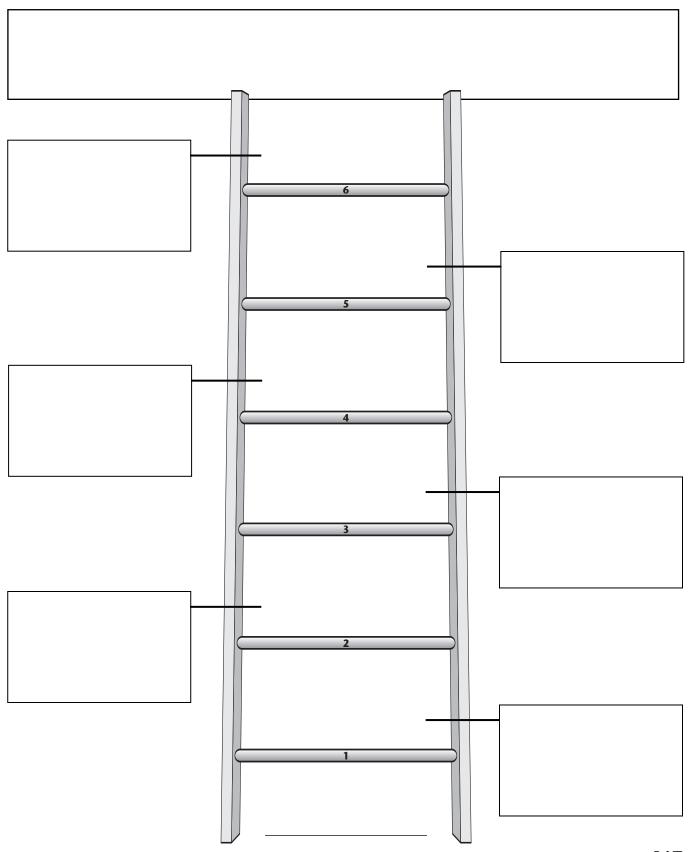
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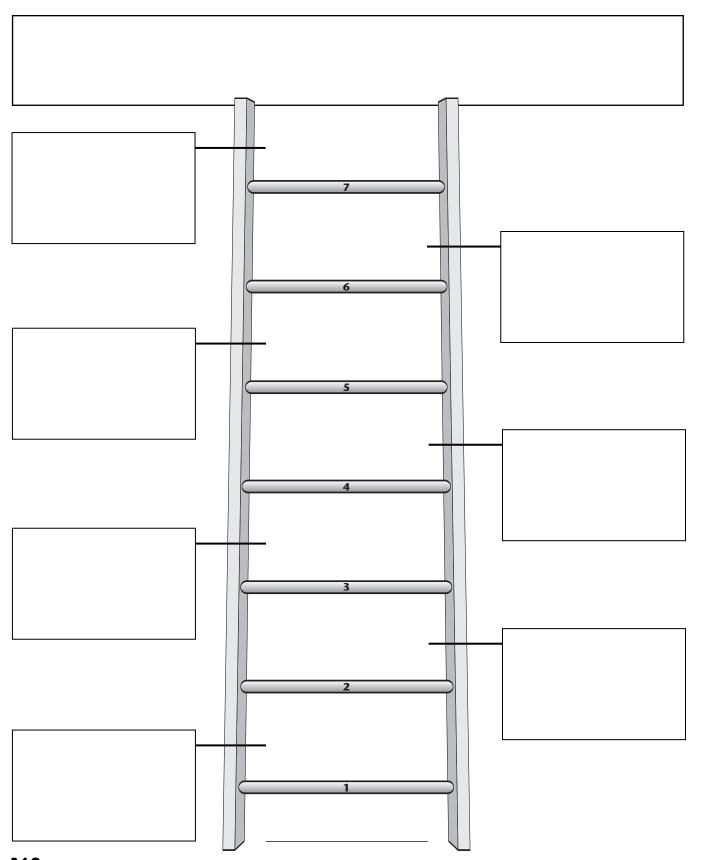
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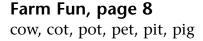
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# **Answer Key**



Dinner's Ready, page 9 bite, bit, hit, hat, fat, eat

Inside Out, page 10 in, fin, fan, fat, cat, cut, out

Color Change, page 11 red, bed, bet, pet, pit, pin, pink

Animal Enemies, page 12 dog, dot, pot, pop, top, tap, cap, cat

Air Travel, page 13 plane, plan, pan, pen, men, met, jet

A Matter of Size, page 14 big, bit, bill, ball, mall, small

Around the Clock, page 15 tick, sick, sack, rack, rock, tock

Family Ties, page 16 mom, mop, top, tap, tan, man, mad, dad

Fun on a Bun, page 17 hot, lot, let, pet, pit, pig, dig, dog

Opposites Attract, page 18 fat, fit, hit, his, this, thin

Sweet Sounds, page 19 ear, eat, rat, ran, rang, ring

Give a Dog a Bone, page 20 tail, sail, said, sad, bad, bag, wag

Here to There, page 21 walk, wall, fall, full, fun, run

Get Well Soon, page 22 ill, pill, hill, sill, silk, sick

In the Can, page 23 trash, crash, cash, cast, cat, can

America's Pastime, page 24 base, case, care, bare, bale, ball

Hop to It!, page 25 frog, jog, jug, tug, tag, tad, toad

On the Playground, page 26 sit, hit, hat, had, hand, sand, stand

Fur Facts, page 27 hair, hail, fail, fall, ball, bald

Ship Shape, page 28 ship, slip, slap, sap, sat, set, sea

Pail Problem, page 29 pail, tail, tall, tale, sale, pale

Fancy Footwear, page 30 sock, rock, row, how, show, shoe

In the Doghouse, page 31 dog, hog, hag, bag, bar, barn, bark

Counting Up, page 32 few, dew, den, men, man, many

Personality Change, page 33 good, gold, cold, bold, bald, bad



Frosty Fun, page 34 snow, now, how, hot, hit, white

Warm and Cozy, page 35 burn, born, bore, wore, wire, fire

Under the Stars, page 36 tent, ten, tan, ran, ram, ramp, camp

Baby Animals, page 37 kitten, kite, bite, bit, pit, put, pup

Wildlife, page 38 bird, bid, bit, fit, fist, fish

Raise Your Voice, page 39 talk, tack, tick, pick, pink, sink, sing

One More, page 40 five, hive, hide, hid, hip, sip, six

Little Piggies, page 41 nine, dine, dune, tune, tone, ton, ten

Winter Wear, page 42 hand, land, lane, lone, love, glove

Candlelight, page 43 fire, hire, hare, fare, fame, flame

**Eyeglass Holders, page 44** ear, eat, pat, past, post, pose, nose

**Top to Bottom, page 45** head, lead, leap, lap, tap, top, toe

End of the Day, page 46 work, worm, warm, way, lay, play

Finish Line, page 47 first, fist, mist, most, lost, last

Dressing Up, page 48 shirt, dirt, dart, part, pant, pants

Childhood, page 49 child, mild, mile, file, fill, kill, kid

**Shopping Spree, page 50** store, tore, toe, toy, boy, buy

Surprise!, page 51 skin, kin, in, on, ton, tone, bone

Stormy Days, page 52 rain, ran, fan, far, for, four, pour

Under Construction, page 53 hammer, ham, dam, mad, maid, mail, nail

Car Trip, page 54 car, cat, cut, nut, not, hot, hat, has, gas

Climbing Limbs, page 55 arm, harm, ham, hum, hug, bug, beg, leg

Express Mail, page 56 stamp, star, stair, pair, pail, mail

City Living, page 57 window, win, won, Don, do, door

Let's Go Fishing, page 58 duck, luck, lick, sick, sink, sill, bill

Blastoff!, page 59 now, not, hot, hat, hate, later



# Feathered Friends, page 60

duck, luck, lock, lost, lose, loose, goose

# In the Attic, page 61

this, his, hit, sit, sat, rat, hat, that

### Ride Sharing, page 62

bus, bun, run, rug, rag, ran, rain, train

# Midday Meal, page 63

meal, reach, beach, bench, bunch, lunch

### Different Tastes, page 64

love, lose, lost, host, hot, hat, hate

### The Whole Story, page 65

start, part, past, pant, ant, and, end

# Utensils, page 66

spoon, spot, pot, port, pork, fork

# Share a Sip, page 67

some, home, hoe, hot, hat, hall, all

# Tutti Fruity, page 68

apple, ape, pea, pear, peace, peach

# Happy Birthday, page 69

present, sent, set, let, lit, lift, gift

# New and Not-So-New, page 70

new, now, how, hoe, hole, hold, old

# Growing Things, page 71

ranch, ran, fan, fun, fur, far, farm

# Lesson Learned, page 72

hen, ten, tent, dent, den, deck, check, chick

### Simon Says, page 73

jump, pump, pup, cup, cap, can, tan, stand

### In the Water, page 74

float, flat, fat, sat, sack, sick, sink

### Home, Sweet Home, page 75

house, mouse, moose, loose, lose, hose, home

### Quick Wit, page 76

brain, rain, ran, pan, pin, pink, think

# Sky Scrapers, page 77

green, teen, seen, sun, Sue, glue, blue

### Cool Treat, page 78

ice, dice, dime, time, tame, team, cream

#### All Wet, page 79

cloud, clod, rod, rot, rat, ran, rain

# Take a Seat, page 80

table, tale, tall, tail, hail, hair, chair

### Woodsman, page 81

tree, bee, see, seep, seed, weed, wood

#### Bucket Brigade, page 82

bucket, buck, but, bit, bait, bail, pail

#### Finders Keepers, page 83

lost, post, pot, pod, pond, pound, found

#### Note This, page 84

paper, ape, tape, tap, pat, pet, pen



### Gardening, page 85

dig, big, bag, bar, car, cart, dart, dirt

# Up We Go!, page 86

stone, store, stare, star, stack, tack, rack, rock

### Daily Journey, page 87

school, tool, too, moo, mop, mope, hope, home

### In the Kitchen, page 88

grate, rate, ate, eat, beat, treat, great

#### Deep Sea Divers, page 89

shark, bark, bar, war, was, wash, wish, fish

### Snow Day, page 90

rain, ran, tan, ton, tow, how, show, snow

# Good Books, page 91

book, look, lock, rock, rack, race, rage, page

# Getting There, page 92

up, pup, cup, cop, cow, tow, town, down

# Seasoning Selection, page 93

pepper, pep, pet, pit, sit, sat, salt

# Stars and Stripes, page 94

flag, bag, bar, bare, bore, more, mole, pole

# Neigh-bors, page 95

pony, phony, phone, done, dose, hose, horse

# Furry Friends, page 96

hamster, ham, had, head, hear, tear, tea, pea, pet

### Toy Store, page 97

toy, boy, buy, but, bull, full, dull, doll

### Transportation, page 98

ship, shop, mop, cop, cap, can, cane, plane

### Score!, page 99

foot, fool, pool, pot, pat, mat, mall, ball

# Country Living, page 100

farm, harm, hard, card, car, care, bare, barn

# Fun for Everyone, page 101

us, bus, but, bat, hat, ham, hem, them

#### On the Job, page 102

job, cob, cab, car, care, core, cork, work

#### Around Town, page 103

stop, step, pest, nest, net, not, got, go

#### Time Flies, page 104

time, tame, tale, talk, tack, tock, lock, clock

#### And the Winner Is . . ., page 105

lose, dose, done dine, mine, mind, wind, win

#### Line Up!, page 106

front, from, mom, mop, map, man, ban, bank, back



# Cross-Country, page 107

east, fast, feast, beast, best, test, rest, west

### Beautiful Day, page 108

sun, fun, fur, far, fare, fire, fine, shine

### Good Scents, page 109

smell, bell, bet, best, pest, post, pose, nose

### On the Line, page 110

phone, cone, cane, can, tan, tank, tack, talk

# Meadow Friends, page 111

sheep, steep, step, stop, top, pot, got, goat

# Gentle Breeze, page 112

wind, find, fine, line, lone, low, bow, blow

# Big and Cuddly, page 113

bear, hear, heart, art, cart, cat, cut, cub

# All in a Day, page 114

swim, slim, slam, clam, cram, cry, fry, fly

# Open Wide!, page 115

open, pen, pet, pot, post, lost, lose, close

# Feelings, page 116

glad, lad, mad, made, mane, male, mile, smile

# Perfect Pair, page 117

one, tone, stone, store, tore, toe, tow, two

# Fireworks, page 118

spark, park, mark, mare, male, mile, file, fire

### Friendship, page 119

friend, end, den, ten, tan, can, pan, pal

### On the Move, page 120

bike, like, lake, lame, lamb, lab, cab, car

#### Pace Yourself, page 121

fast, past, pest, pets, lets, lots, slot, slow

#### Barbershop, page 122

head, read, red, rid, raid, paid, pair, hair

### Hungry!, page 123

eat, seat, set, sit, sink, wink, rink, drink

### Car Trouble, page 124

wheel, feel, fell, till, tilt, tile, tire

# Need a Lift?, page 125

tow, toe, doe, dog, dug, duck, tuck, truck

### Bookworm, page 126

read, head, heat, beat, belt, boot, book

# A Little Light, page 127

match, batch, bath, bat, bit, fit, fir, fire

# Heads or Tails?, page 128

round, pound, pond, pad, pat, fat, flat

### Peaks and Valleys, page 129

high, sigh, sight, sit, hit, hot, how, low

### Go, Go, Go, page 130

street, tree, see, set, net, not, nod, rod, road



# Blooms on Wheels, page 131

wagon, wag, tag, tan, fan, fat, cat, cart

### Life Saver, page 132

help, yelp, yell, smell, small, all, ail, aid

### Bread and Butter, page 133

bread, read, had, bad, bat, boat, boast, toast

### Wild Noises, page 134

bear, ear, are, rare, raw, row, grow, growl

### Open-Air Ride, page 135

horse, hose, host, most, must, mug, bug, buggy

### In the Sky, page 136

yellow, yell, bell, bull, but, cut, cue, blue

# Sailing, page 137

sea, seat, beat, bat, mat, mate, make, lake

# School Days, page 138

read, real, meal, meat, what, white, write

# Toe-Tapping Tunes, page 139

toe, woe, won, win, wing, sing, singer, finger

# Wonderful Words, page 140

letter, let, lot, pot, cot, cod, cord, word

# On Your Feet, page 141

shoe, hoe, hot, hat, rat, rate, race, lace

# Just Peachy!, page 142

plum, plus, bus, but, bat, eat, each, peach

# More Is Better, page 143

three, wee, wet, get, gut, out, our, four

### Time's Up!, page 144

early, ear, hear, hare, dare, date, late

### Yard Sale, page 145

buy, bug, bag, ball, mall, small, smell, sell

### In the Tree, page 146

climb, limb, lime, mile, me, she, see, tree

### Brrrrr!, page 147

cool, spool, spoon, soon, son, sod, sold, cold

### Directions, page 148

north, port, pout, pour, our, out, south

# Time for Breakfast, page 149

corn, cord, card, cart, cat, mat, meat, wheat

# A Clear View, page 150

window, win, fin, fan, can, clan, class, glass

# Just for You, page 151

me, men, ten, ton, on, or, our, your, you

#### Long Distance, page 152

phone, cone, cope, mope, mole, male, mall, call

#### Tasty Treat, page 153

cookie, cook, look, lock, lick, sick, silk, milk

#### A Bundle of Surprises, page 154

girl, gill, pill, pull, put, pot, jot, joy, boy



# Fried Snacks, page 155

French, bench, bunch, bun, buy, bay, day, dry, fry

# Under the Big Top, page 156

circus, us, up, cup, cop, drop, drown, clown

# Better and Better, page 157

better, bitter, bite, bit, pit, pet, pest, best

### Boo!, page 158

trick, track, trace, lace, late, grate, great, treat

# Up, Up and Away, page 159

kite, kit, pit, pie, tie, tee, tree, try, fly

# My Family, page 160

brother, other, here, hire, hit, sit, sitter, sister

# On the Set, page 161

movie, move, dove, done, tone, ton, tan, tar, star

# Coffee Break, page 162

coffee, fee, feel, heel, heal, heat, eat, tea

# Greener Pastures, page 163

grass, glass, class, clam, ram, rim, grim, grin, green

# Medal Winners, page 164

silver, sliver, live, love, move, mole, mold, gold

# Sleepytime, page 165

sleep, peep, pep, pet, pat, rat, rate, rake, wake

