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## To my own children-Mike, Emily, Mary, and JennyWord 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 mini-word-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.
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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.
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$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

this is worn on the head
Change the vowel.
a batter does this to a baseball
Change the first letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

an animal that has kittens
Change the first letter.
a pig is short and $\qquad$ Change the last letter.
this blows air
Change the vowel.

part of a fish
Add one letter to the beginning.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

a baseball player wears this on his head

Change the first letter.
opposite of bottom Change the first letter.
a flower can be planted in this Change the first letter.
a small, round spot
Change the last letter.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

something you write with
Change the vowel.

Read the clues, then write the words.


| a round object used |
| :--- |
| in soccer |
| Change the vowel. |

"Dad gave me a dollar
$\square$ for helping him."
Take away the last letter, then add two.
Take away the last
letter, then add
two.
to have taken a bite "The dog $\qquad$ the man's leg."
Change the last letter.
big
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$


| opposite of woman |
| :--- |
| Change the first |
| letter. |


$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

belonging to a boy
"That is ___ big
book."
Change the last
letter.

## the right size

 "My new shoes $\qquad$my feet well."
Change the vowel.

## fat

"Maria $\qquad$ a home run!"
Change the first letter.

Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


| the sound a bell |
| :--- |
| makes |
| Change the vowel. |

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.


Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.



Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

| feeling ill |
| :--- |
| Change the third |
| letter. |

"侖。
the bottom part of a window frame
"I put my plant on the window $\qquad$ ."

Change the first letter.
a soft fabric used to make clothes
"She wore a $\qquad$ wedding dress."
Change the last letter.
a small mountain
Change the first letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.


Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

## On the Playground


opposite of sit
Add a letter after the first letter.
this covers the ground at the beach Change the first letter.


Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

令客 small balls of ice that fall from the sky Change the last letter.

Name $\qquad$ -

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

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Read the clues, then write the words.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

a group with a man and others like him Change the first letter.
home to a fox or bear
Change the last letter.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


| opposite of good <br> Take away the <br> third letter. |
| :--- |

Take away the third letter.
a head that has been shaved
Change the vowel.
opposite of hot
Change the first letter.

Name $\qquad$

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

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Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

the joint at the top of your leg
Change the last


| this comes after five |
| :--- |
| Change the last |
| letter. |

the joint at the top of
your leg
Change the last
letter.


Name $\qquad$
Read the clues，then write the words． Start at the bottom and climb to the top． Change the vowel．
very heavy
＂That elephant
weighs over a weighs over a $\qquad$ ！＂
Take away the last letter．
a song
Change the first
letter．

Change the first letter．
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


## Eyeglass Holders



| you use this to smell |
| :--- |
| things |
| Change the first |
| letter. |

ell

to touch gently
"The coach gave me a ___ on the back." Change the first letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name $\qquad$


Name
Read the clues, then write the words.

$\qquad$

to cause something to die

Change the first

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


| a part of your <br> skeleton <br> Change the first <br> letter. $\mathbf{l}$ |
| :--- |



Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.


Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

| another word for <br> insect <br> Change the first <br> letter. |
| :--- | :--- |

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Read the clues, then write the words.

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Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


[^0]spoon

| a pan used for |
| :--- |
| cooking |
| "Tess made a big |
| _- of soup." |
| Take away the <br> first letter. |

Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

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$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.


| you use a shovel to |
| :--- |
| dig this in the ground |
| Add a letter before |
| the last letter. |

a word used to ask something
$\qquad$ much does that shirt cost?"

Change the first letter.
to carry
"Kay asked me to ___ her books."
Change the last letter.

会
a tool used to dig weeds out of a garden
Change the last letter.
at this time
"Let's go eat lunch
$\qquad$ ."
Change the vowel.

Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
"Her skin turned $\qquad$ after she sat in the sun."

| a kind of food |
| :--- |
| container |
| "Mom bought a |
| of beans at the store." |
| Change the last |
| letter. |

many people drink
coffee in this
Change the first
letter.
this is used to put air in a bike tire Change the first letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
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Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

you use this to water flowers in the yard Change the first letter.
not tied
"Your shoelace is
$\qquad$ ."
Change the first letter.
a small, furry animal that eats cheese Change the first letter.

## house

Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words.


Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

"Sit in the $\qquad$ at the table."
Add a letter to the beginning.
balls of ice that fall
during a storm
Change the first
letter.
very high
"I saw some $\qquad$ buildings in the city." Change the last letter.
the back end of an animal

Change the third letter.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$-$
to scoop water out
Add a vowel
after the first
letter.
"I fell off my bike, $\qquad$ I wasn't hurt."
Take away last two letters, then add one.
"I helped $\qquad$ water out of the leaking boat."
Change the last letter.
$-2 \dot{3}$
another word for dollar
Take away the last two letters.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
a large basket on
wheels
"We use a shopping
at the grocery
store."
Add a letter to
she end.

会
a type of arrow that you throw at a target Change the first letter.
an automobile
Change the first letter.

| a long rod |
| :--- |
| "I can reach the top |
| on the climbing |
| gym." |
| Change the last |
| letter. |


| another word for |
| :--- |
| large |
| Change the first |
| letter. |

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

a pebble or stone Change the vowel.
a short, sharp pin
Take away the first letter. the night sky Take away the last letter.

look at something for a long time
Change the first vowel.

Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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Read the clues, then write the words.


Name

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

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Read the clues, then write the words.

a garden wall might be made of this Change the first letter.
to watch
$\qquad$ at how far I can jump."
Change the first letter.

Name
Read the clues, then write the words.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
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Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name

Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

water runs through this and out the sprinkler
Change the first letter.
finished
Take away the first two letters, then add one.
a short word for telephone

Change the last letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.

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Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

a place with many stores in it
Take away the last letter, then add two.

| a small rug |
| :--- |
| "Please wipe your |
| feet on the door |
| Change the first |
| letter. |


| a pan used for |
| :--- |
| making soup |
| Take away the last |
| two letters, then |
| add one. |

$\therefore$ 气
to trick
"You tried to $\qquad$ me with that magic act." Change the last letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


| farm animals live in |
| :--- |
| this building |
| Change the last |
| letter. |


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Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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people save money in this
Add a letter to the end.
opposite of lady

Change the last letter.

> used to find roads and cities
> Change the vowel.
another word for mother
Take away the first two letters, then add one.

Take away the last two letters, then add one.
"The plate of cookies is $\qquad$ Mr. Perez."
Change the last letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
opposite of slow
Change the first letter.
$\qquad$


Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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Read the clues, then write the words.


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Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

| something you read <br> Change the last <br> letter. |
| :--- |

another word for a
screw
Change the vowel.
a cowboy wears this on his foot
Change the third letter.
this is worn to hold up pants
Change the third letter.
to make something hot
Change the last letter.
you wear a hat on
this part of your body Change the first letter.

Name $\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


| to hit at something |
| :--- |
| "I used the |
| newspaper to -- |
| the flies away." |
| Take away the first |
| vowel. |



| another word for a |
| :--- |
| chair |
| Add a letter to |
| the end. |

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$

Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


| coffee can be |
| :--- |
| made in this |
| Change the first |
| letter. |

to allow
Take away the last three letters.

very much
"I like pepperoni pizza a whole $\qquad$ ." Change the vowel.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

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Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

something that belongs to me and you
"We put $\qquad$ plants in the sunlight."
Take away the first letter.
some people do this if they don't get their own way Change the third letter.

opposite direction of north
Add a letter to the beginning and end.
opposite of in
Change the last letter.
how you move milk from the jug to a cup "Please $\qquad$ my milk in this cup.
Change the last letter.
a place where ships dock
Take away the last letter, then change the first letter.
$\qquad$
 Time for Breakfast Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
not me
" $\quad$ can take the
first turn."
Take away the last
letter.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.


Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
and climb to the top.


| opposite of wet |
| :--- |
| Change the |
| second letter. |

another word for
inlet
"Many ships dock in
the San Francisco
Change the
vowel.

## the bread that a hot dog is put in <br> Take away the last two letters.

a long wooden seat
found at the park
Take away the
first two letters,
then add one.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words.


Name $\qquad$

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

| to do your best |
| :--- |
| "I always to |
| write neatly." |
| Take away the last |
| two letters, then |
| add one. |


small wooden peg that holds a golf ball Change the first vowel.

| "I helped make a |
| :--- |
| pumpkin_for |
| Thanksgiving." |
| Change the last |
| letter. |

you do this to your shoelaces
Change the first letter.
a deep hole in the ground
Change the first letter.
$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

## someone who sits

Add three letters to the end.
this place
"Will you be $\qquad$ tonight?"
Take away the first two letters, then add a vowel to the end.
use a bat to $\qquad$ a ball

Take away the last two letters, then add one.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words.
Start at the bottom and climb to the top.
the price of
something
to touch with your hand

Add a letter to the end.

Take away the first three letters.

## coffee

$\qquad$
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

| another word for |
| :--- |
| smile |
| Change the last |
| letter. |



## the outer edge of a cup or plate <br> Change the vowel.

a sea animal with a top and bottom shell
Take away the last two letters, then add one.
from

Change the second letter.
the color of grass
Take away the vowel, then add two vowels.
not cheerful "The speaker looked ___ when he entered the room." Add a letter to the beginning.
a male sheep
Take away the first two letters, then add one.
"We are all in Mr. Rowe's $\qquad$ at school."
Change the first letter.

Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


Name
Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

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Read the clues, then write the words. Start at the bottom and climb to the top.


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$\qquad$
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toy, boy, buy, but, bull, full, dull, doll

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job, cob, cab, car, care, core, cork, work
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front, from, mom, mop, map, man, ban, bank, back

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

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one, tone, stone, store, tore, toe, tow, two
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spark, park, mark, mare, male, mile, file, fire

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friend, end, den, ten, tan, can, pan, pal
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bike, like, lake, lame, lamb, lab, cab, car

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

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head, read, red, rid, raid, paid, pair, hair
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read, head, heat, beat, belt, bolt, boot, book

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high, sigh, sight, sit, hit, hot, how, low
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street, tree, see, set, net, not, nod, rod, road

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

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

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

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bear, ear, are, rare, raw, row, grow, growl
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horse, hose, host, most, must, mug, bug, buggy

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yellow, yell, bell, bull, but, cut, cue, blue
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sea, seat, beat, bat, mat, mate, make, lake
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read, real, meal, meat, wheat, what, white, write

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

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

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

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

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

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early, ear, hear, hare, dare, date, late
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buy, bug, bag, ball, mall, small, smell, sell
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climb, limb, lime, mile, me, she, see, tree

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

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north, port, pout, pour, our, out, south
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corn, cord, card, cart, cat, mat, meat, wheat

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

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

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

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

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

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

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kite, kit, pit, pie, tie, tee, tree, try, fly
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brother, other, here, hire, hit, sit, sitter, sister

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

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coffee, fee, feel, heel, heal, heat, eat, tea
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grass, glass, class, clam, ram, rim, grim, grin, green

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

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



[^0]:    a round mark on something
    "That ladybug has one more $\qquad$ than the other one."
    Take away the last two letters, then add one.

