Word Ladders Expert

Word Labyrinth

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How to play: get from the top word to the bottom word by changing **one letter** at a time. Every rung has to be a real word, and the letters stay in the same order. Example: TOP → TIP → LIP. Five-letter words, 6 and 7 steps. For older students and adults.

1. BRAVE to THINK
6 steps

B R A V E
T H I N K

2. BEATS to CANDY
6 steps

B E A T S
C A N D Y

3. COVER to WINGS
6 steps

C O V E R
W I N G S

4. BLIND to DREAM
6 steps

B L I N D
D R E A M

5. CROWN to STEPS
6 steps

C R O W N
S T E P S

6. CLICK to STORM
7 steps

C L I C K
S T O R M

7. CRACK to GLOBE
7 steps

C R A C K
G L O B E

8. CLOCK to SHAPE
7 steps

C L O C K
S H A P E

Answer key Expert

One solution for each ladder

1. BRAVE → BRACE → TRACE → TRACK → TRICK → THICK → THINK
2. BEATS → BEADS → BENDS → BANDS → HANDS → HANDY → CANDY
3. COVER → LOVER → LOVES → LIVES → WIVES → WINES → WINGS
4. BLIND → BLEND → BLEED → BREED → BREAD → DREAD → DREAM
5. CROWN → CROWS → CROPS → CHOPS → SHOPS → STOPS → STEPS
6. CLICK → SLICK → STICK → STACK → STARK → STARE → STORE → STORM
7. CRACK → TRACK → TRACE → GRACE → GRAVE → GROVE → GLOVE → GLOBE
8. CLOCK → BLOCK → BLACK → SLACK → SHACK → SHARK → SHARE → SHAPE

Each ladder above is as short as it gets with everyday words. Other answers can be right too: if every rung is a real word and only one letter changes each time, count it.

Make your own ladder. Pick two words with the same number of letters and build the ladder between them. Swap with a partner and solve each other's.