

Christmas Word Ladders

Change ONE letter each step — grades 2-3

Name _____

Date _____

Start at the top word. Change **one letter** on each step to make a new real word, until you reach the bottom word.

Ladder 1

B	E	L	L
C	A	K	E

Ladder 2

C	O	A	T
G	I	F	T

Ladder 3

F	I	R	E
W	O	O	L

Ladder 4

C	A	R	D
L	A	M	P

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Answer Key

Sample answers. Any ladder is correct if every step changes just one letter and makes a real word.

Ladder 1

B	E	L	L
T	E	L	L
T	A	L	L
T	A	L	E
T	A	K	E
C	A	K	E

Ladder 2

C	O	A	T
C	O	S	T
L	O	S	T
L	I	S	T
L	I	F	T
G	I	F	T

Ladder 3

F	I	R	E
W	I	R	E
W	O	R	E
W	O	R	D
W	O	O	D
W	O	O	L

Ladder 4

C	A	R	D
C	A	R	E
C	A	M	E
C	A	M	P
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S	O	C	K
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B	E	L	L
B	E	L	T
B	E	A	T
B	O	A	T
C	O	A	T

Ladder 2

S	O	C	K
L	O	C	K
L	O	O	K
T	O	O	K
T	O	O	L
W	O	O	L

Ladder 3

B	A	K	E
L	A	K	E
L	I	K	E
L	I	V	E
F	I	V	E
F	I	R	E

Ladder 4

C	O	L	D
F	O	L	D
F	O	N	D
F	I	N	D
M	I	N	D
M	I	N	T

Christmas Word Ladders

Change ONE letter each step — grades 4-6

Name _____

Date _____

Start at the top word. Change **one letter** on each step to make a new real word, until you reach the bottom word.

Ladder 1

C	A	N	D	Y
S	L	E	D	S

Ladder 2

S	H	I	F	T
S	T	A	R	S

Ladder 3

B	E	L	L	S
C	A	K	E	S

Ladder 4

S	C	A	R	F
S	P	I	L	L

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Answer Key

Sample answers. Any ladder is correct if every step changes just one letter and makes a real word.

Ladder 1

C	A	N	D	Y
S	A	N	D	Y
S	A	N	D	S
S	E	N	D	S
S	E	E	D	S
S	L	E	D	S

Ladder 2

S	H	I	F	T
S	H	I	R	T
S	H	O	R	T
S	H	O	R	E
S	H	A	R	E
S	T	A	R	E
S	T	A	R	S

Ladder 3

B	E	L	L	S
B	A	L	L	S
B	A	L	E	S
B	A	K	E	S
C	A	K	E	S

Ladder 4

S	C	A	R	F
S	C	A	R	E
S	C	A	L	E
S	T	A	L	E
S	T	A	L	L
S	T	I	L	L
S	P	I	L	L

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Ladder 1

S	K	I	R	T
S	T	A	R	S

Ladder 2

B	E	L	L	S
D	E	A	L	T

Ladder 3

S	C	A	R	F
S	H	O	O	K

Ladder 4

C	A	K	E	S
W	O	M	A	N

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S	K	I	R	T
S	H	I	R	T
S	H	O	R	T
S	H	O	R	E
S	T	O	R	E
S	T	A	R	E
S	T	A	R	S

Ladder 2

B	E	L	L	S
S	E	L	L	S
S	E	A	L	S
D	E	A	L	S
D	E	A	L	T

Ladder 3

S	C	A	R	F
S	C	A	R	E
S	H	A	R	E
S	H	A	R	K
S	H	A	C	K
S	H	O	C	K
S	H	O	O	K

Ladder 4

C	A	K	E	S
T	A	K	E	S
T	A	K	E	N
T	O	K	E	N
W	O	K	E	N
W	O	M	E	N
W	O	M	A	N