Intermediate

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

D	A	R	K
E	A	S	Y

Ladder 2

L	I	N	K
M	O	R	E

Ladder 3

B	A	S	E
H	O	P	E

Ladder 4

C	E	L	L
N	I	N	E

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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

D	A	R	K
D	A	R	T
P	A	R	T
P	A	S	T
E	A	S	T
E	A	S	Y

Ladder 2

L	I	N	K
L	I	N	E
M	I	N	E
M	I	L	E
M	O	L	E
M	O	R	E

Ladder 3

B	A	S	E
C	A	S	E
C	A	M	E
C	O	M	E
H	O	M	E
H	O	P	E

Ladder 4

C	E	L	L
F	E	L	L
F	I	L	L
F	I	L	E
F	I	N	E
N	I	N	E