WORD LADDERS

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A *word ladder* is a link between two given words in which each rung is obtained from its predecessor by altering exactly one letter in it. As an illustration, one way in which APE can evolve into MAN is via the chain APE → AP<u>T</u> → <u>O</u>PT → O<u>A</u>T → <u>M</u>AT → MA<u>N</u>.

The fifteen common phrases offered below require similar constructions. The first dozen ladders connect pairs of four-letter words, while the final trio asks for a bridge between two five-letter words. Answers are not unique.

1.   AMEN to THAT

2.   CALL to DUTY

3.   CASH to BURN

4.   DUSK to DAWN

5.   HEAD to TOES

6.   HERE to STAY

7.   MADE to LAST

8.   RICH to POOR

9.   SHOT to HELL

10.   SLIM to NONE

11.   SOUP to NUTS

12.   WILL to LIVE

13.   DRIVE to DRINK

14.   SCARE to DEATH

15.   TAKES to HEART

<u>**WORD LADDERS**</u> – Answers

1. AMEN → <u>O</u>MEN → O<u>V</u>EN → <u>E</u>VEN → EVE<u>S</u> → E<u>Y</u>ES → <u>D</u>YES → D<u>O</u>ES →

    <u>T</u>OES → TO<u>S</u>S → <u>L</u>OSS → LOS<u>T</u> → <u>C</u>OST → CO<u>A</u>T → C<u>H</u>AT → <u>T</u>HAT

2. CALL → C<u>U</u>LL→ <u>D</u>ULL → DUL<u>Y</u> → DU<u>T</u>Y

3. CASH → <u>B</u>ASH → B<u>U</u>SH → BUS<u>Y</u> → BU<u>R</u>Y → BUR<u>N</u>

4. DUSK → <u>M</u>USK → M<u>A</u>SK → MAS<u>S</u> → MA<u>W</u>S → <u>L</u>AWS → LAW<u>N</u> → <u>D</u>AWN

5. HEAD → HE<u>E</u>D → <u>T</u>EED → TEE<u>S</u> → T<u>O</u>ES

6. HERE → HER<u>D</u> → HE<u>A</u>D → HEA<u>R</u> → <u>S</u>EAR → S<u>T</u>AR → STA<u>Y</u>

7. MADE → MA<u>L</u>E → MAL<u>T</u> → MA<u>S</u>T → <u>L</u>AST

8. RICH → RIC<u>E</u> → <u>M</u>ICE → MI<u>L</u>E → <u>P</u>ILE → P<u>O</u>LE → POL<u>L</u> → PO<u>O</u>L → POO<u>R</u>

9. SHOT → S<u>L</u>OT → SLA<u>T</u> → S<u>E</u>AT → SEA<u>L</u> → SE<u>L</u>L → <u>H</u>ELL

10. SLIM → SLI<u>D</u> → S<u>A</u>ID → SA<u>N</u>D → <u>B</u>AND → B<u>O</u>ND → BON<u>E</u> → <u>N</u>ONE

11. SOUP → SOU<u>R</u> → SO<u>A</u>R → <u>B</u>OAR → B<u>E</u>AR → BE<u>E</u>R → BEE<u>S</u> → BE<u>T</u>S → <u>N</u>ETS → N<u>U</u>TS

12. WILL → <u>F</u>ILL → FIL<u>E</u> → FI<u>V</u>E → <u>L</u>IVE

13. DRIVE → DR<u>O</u>VE → <u>G</u>ROVE → GR<u>A</u>VE → GRA<u>C</u>E → <u>T</u>RACE → TR<u>U</u>CE → TRUC<u>K</u> →

    TRU<u>N</u>K → <u>D</u>RUNK → DR<u>I</u>NK

14. SCARE → SCAR<u>S</u> → S<u>E</u>ARS → <u>H</u>EARS → HEA<u>T</u>S → HEAT<u>H</u> → <u>D</u>EATH

15. TAKES → <u>C</u>AKES → CA<u>S</u>ES → CAS<u>T</u>S → C<u>O</u>STS → CO<u>A</u>TS → <u>B</u>OATS → B<u>E</u>ATS →

    BEA<u>R</u>S → <u>H</u>EARS → HEAR<u>T</u>