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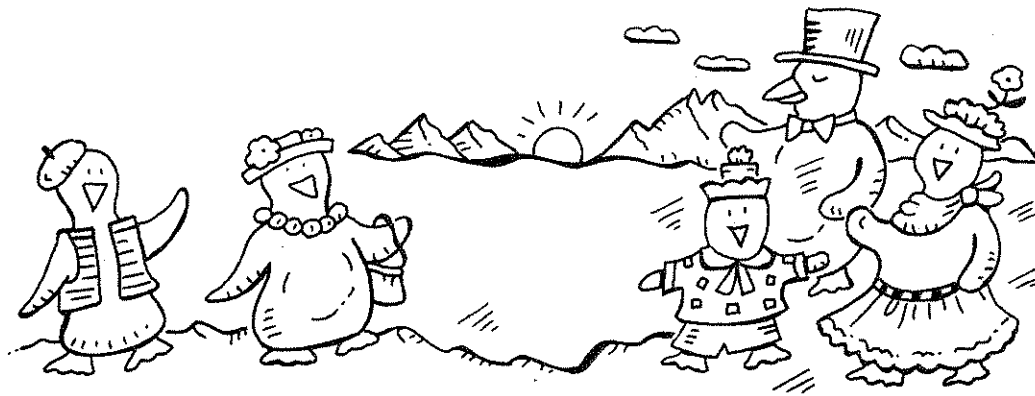
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To my own children—Mike, Emily, Mary, and Jenny—  
Word Wizards in their own right.

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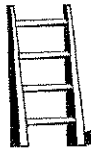
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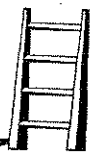
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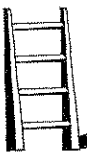


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pairs, or in groups. (You might do the first few together, until students are ready to work more independently.)

4. At each new word, students will see two clues: the kinds of changes they need to make to the previous word (“rearrange the letters” or “add two letters”), 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 this way, up the whole Word Ladder.



Look for the **Bonus Boxes** with stars. These are particularly difficult words 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 may wish to extend the lesson 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?)
- Word meaning. (Which words express what a person can do or feel? Which do not?)

## Tips for Working With Word Ladders

To give students extra help, mix up and write all the “answers” for the ladder (that is, the words for each rung) on the board for them to choose from as they go through the puzzle.

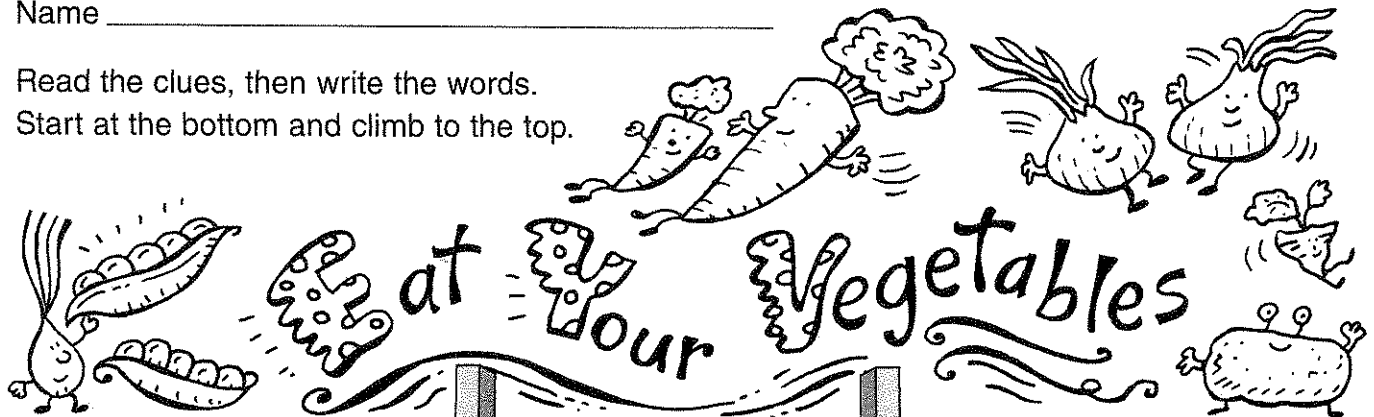
In addition:

- 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 having difficulty with a particular word, 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.
- If students are stuck on a particular rung of the Word Ladder, tell them to skip it and come back to it later.
- Challenge students to come up with alternative definitions for the same words. Many words, like *lock*, *fall*, and *stock*, have multiple meanings.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A plate on which food is eaten.  
**Change one letter.**

To cut with big, sweeping strokes.  
**Change one letter.**


A very messy or slovenly person.  
**Change one letter.**

To wound or pierce with a pointed weapon.  
**Take away two letters.**

A piece of furniture at which you eat meals.  
**Take away four letters.**

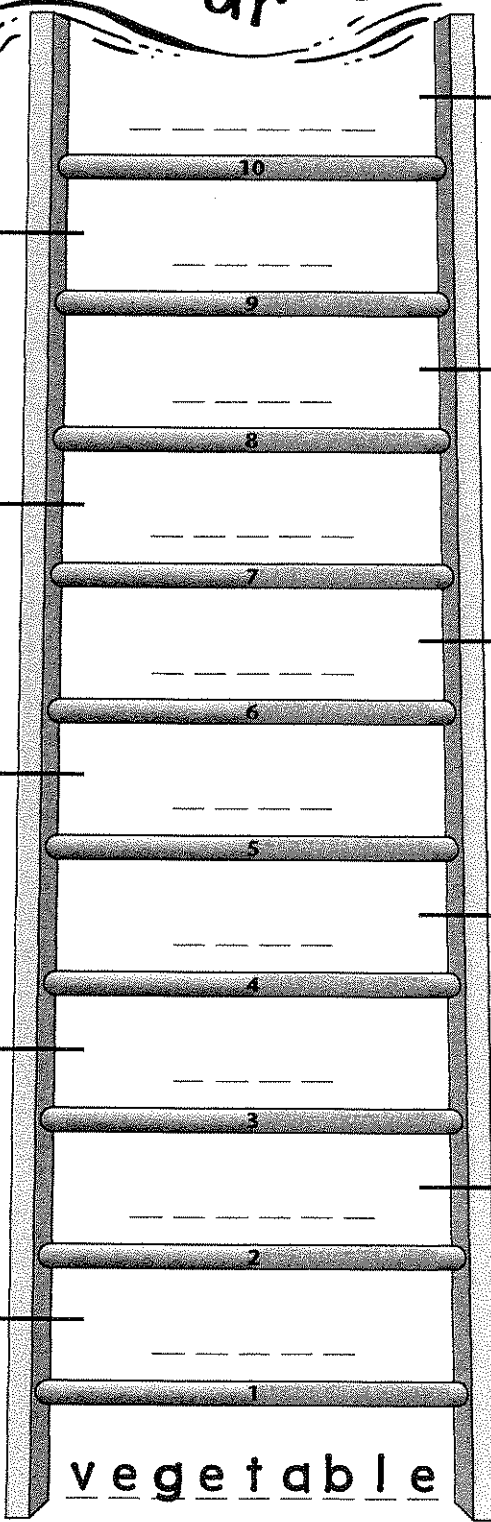
A red-colored root vegetable.  
**Add two letters.**

A small amount of something, like a seasoning for food.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

 To splash a liquid about.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

A large, flat, often thick piece of something.  
**Change one letter.**

A place to keep horses.  
Or steady.  
**Add one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the clues, then write the words.


Start at the bottom and climb to the top.

M o n e y



What two nickels make.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
11

 An old-fashioned word for woman.  
**Change one letter.**

Alike. These two things are almost the \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
10

Mentally healthy or sound.  
**Change one letter.**

To have sung in the past.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
9

To make music with your mouth.  
**Take away one letter.**

What a bee or wasp might do.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
8

To be smelly.  
**Take away one letter, then add two.**

A light red color.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
7

To choose.  
**Take away two letters.**

A small cucumber that has been preserved in vinegar.  
**Change one letter and rearrange the last two.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
6

\_\_\_\_\_  
5

\_\_\_\_\_  
4

\_\_\_\_\_  
3

\_\_\_\_\_  
2

\_\_\_\_\_  
1

n i c k e l



Name \_\_\_\_\_


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



# Outerwear



\_\_\_ be nimble, \_\_\_ be quick.  
**Change one letter.**

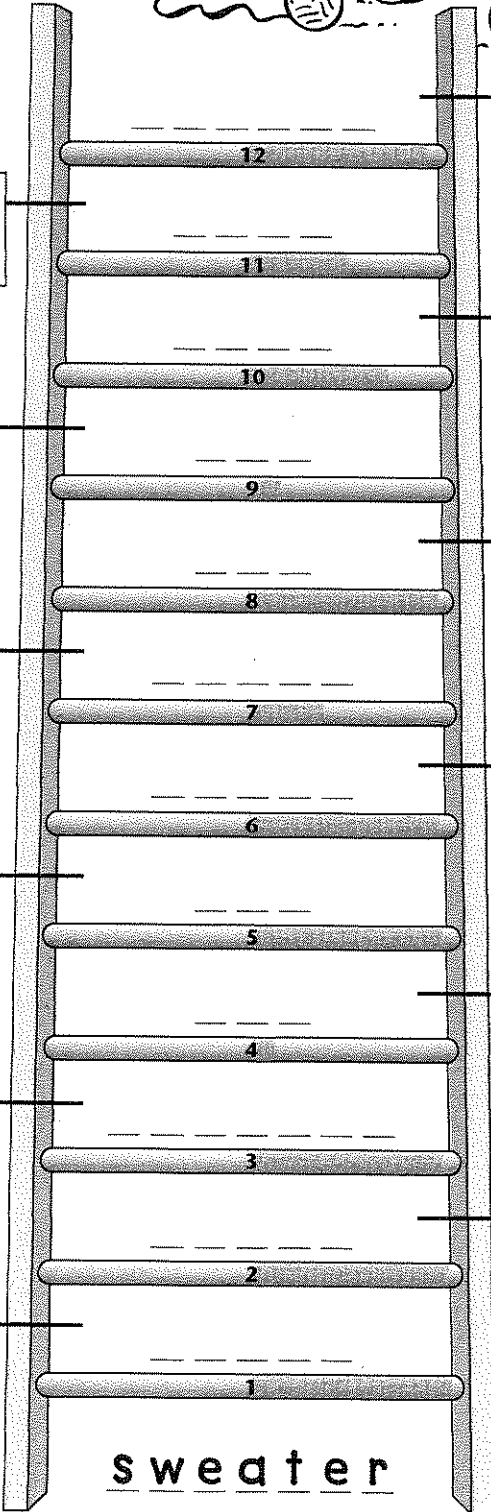
 To write quickly.  
**Change one letter.**

What musicians read to play music.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

2,000 pounds.  
**Change one letter.**

To make sweet.  
**Add two letters.**

Perspiration.  
**Take away two letters.**



Worn for warmth.  
**Add two letters.**

Slang for an athlete.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

This word makes a statement negative.  
**Take away two letters.**

A small rock.  
**Add two letters.**

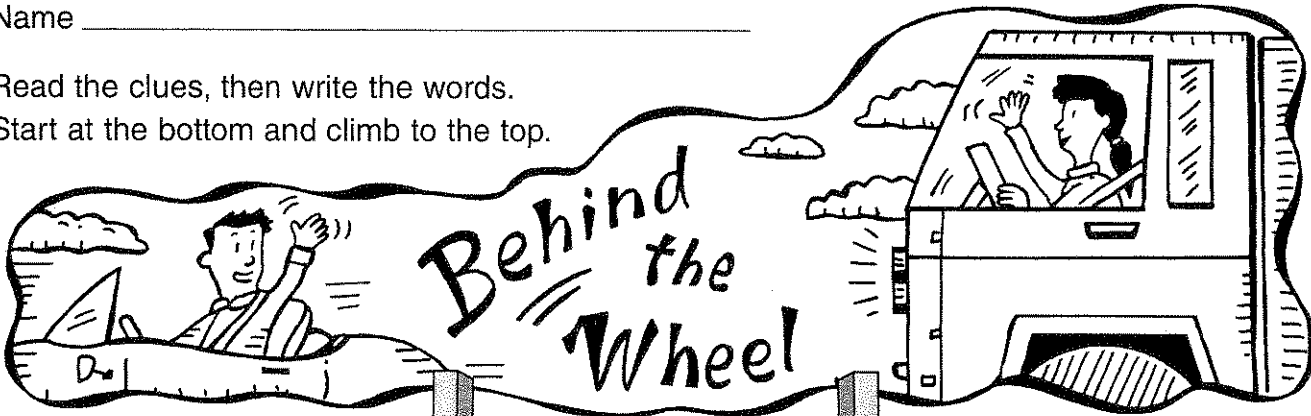
Number of cents in a dime.  
**Take away four letters.**

Opposite of sour.  
**Change one letter.**

sweater

Name \_\_\_\_\_


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



Someone who operates a car.  
**Add one letter.**

To go into water headfirst.  
**Change one letter.**

To challenge someone to do something.  
**Change one letter.**

 A stringed musical instrument.  
**Take away one letter.**

To give part of what you have to others.  
**Change one letter.**

A mark left on the skin from a wound.  
**Add one letter.**

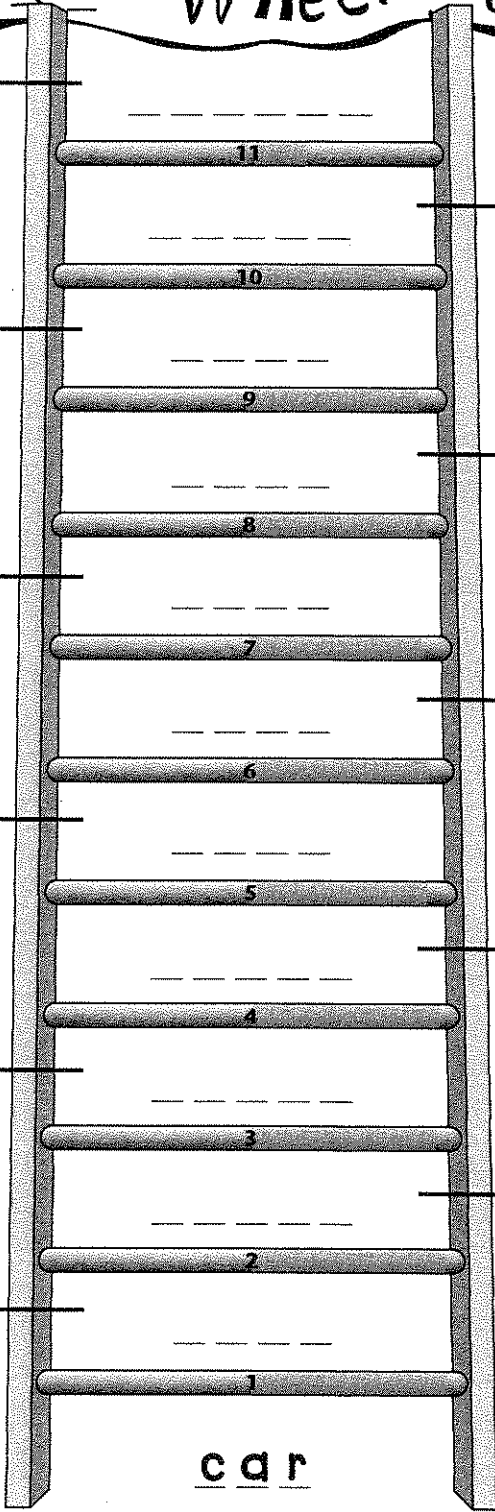
Someone who goes into water headfirst.  
**Add one letter.**

Short for "David."  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of rabbit.  
**Change one letter.**

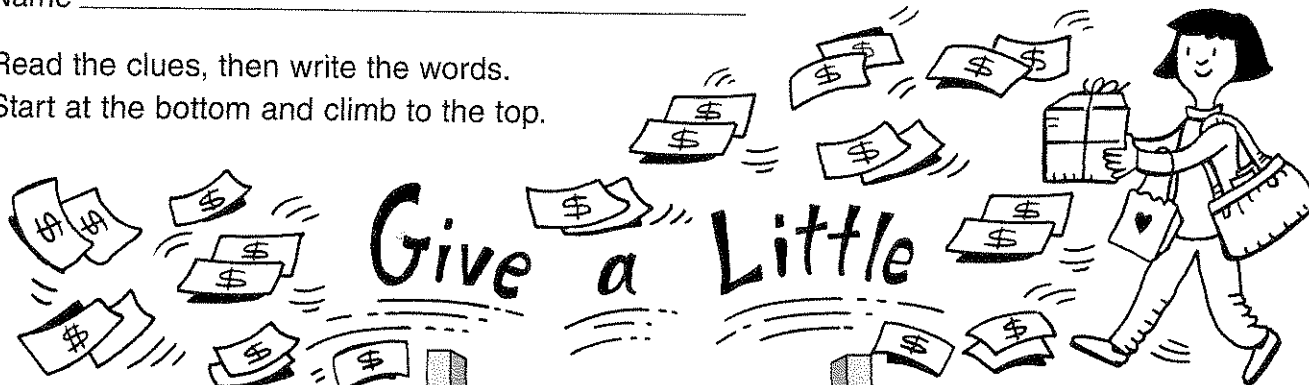
Another word for pointy.  
**Change one letter.**

To frighten.  
**Add one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



The opposite of give.  
**Take away one letter.**

A legless reptile.  
**Change one letter.**

To cut hair with a razor.  
**Add one letter.**

Where bees live.  
**Change one letter.**

A person who dives.  
**Change one letter.**

To be alive.  
**Change one letter.**

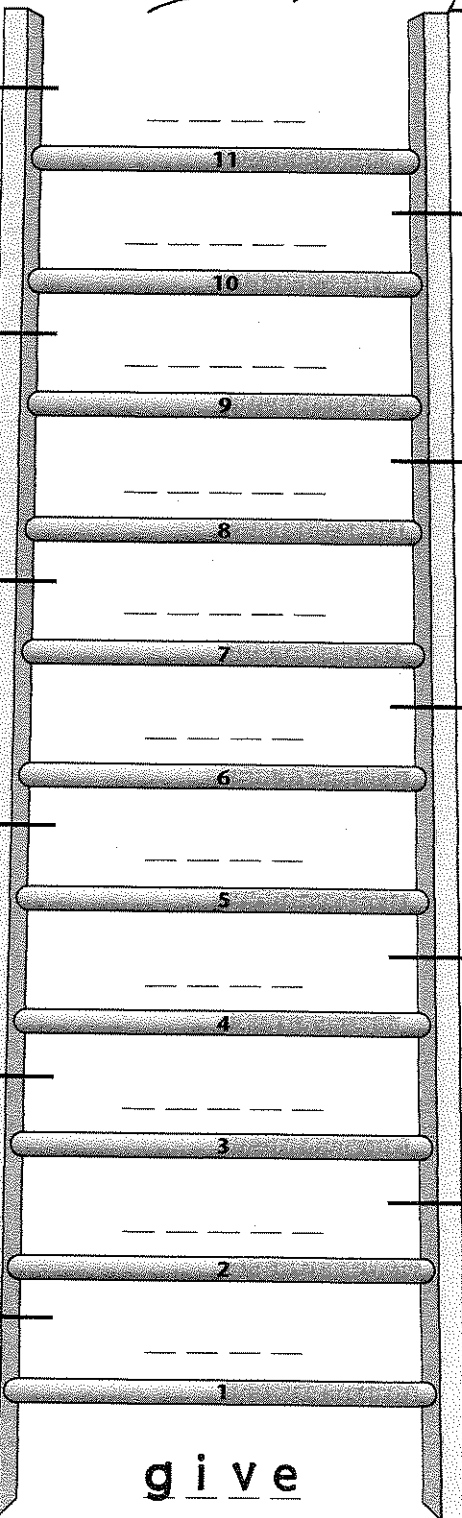
A pointed wooden stick to  
be driven into the ground.  
**Change one consonant.**

To vibrate.  
**Change one letter.**

To possess something.  
**Change one letter.**

To jump headfirst into  
water.  
**Take away one letter.**

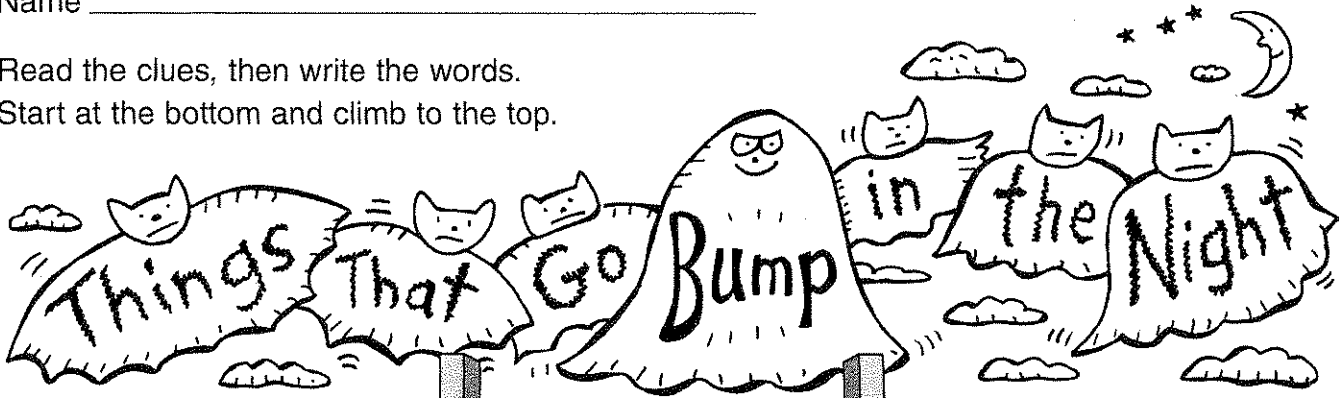
An organ in your body.  
**Add one letter.**



g i v e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A wager that something will happen.  
**Change one letter.**

$5 + 5 = \underline{\quad}$ .  
**Change one letter.**

Musical sound.  
**Change one letter.**

Synonym for *good*.  
**Change one letter.**


Used on a car for a wheel.  
**Take away two letters.**

When a ticket or license can't be used anymore, it \_\_\_\_\_s.  
**Take away the first three letters, then add two.**


A nocturnal animal that flies.  
**Change one letter.**

What fishermen use.  
**Rearrange letters.**

2,000 pounds.  
**Take away one letter.**

 A prong on a fork.  
**Change one letter.**

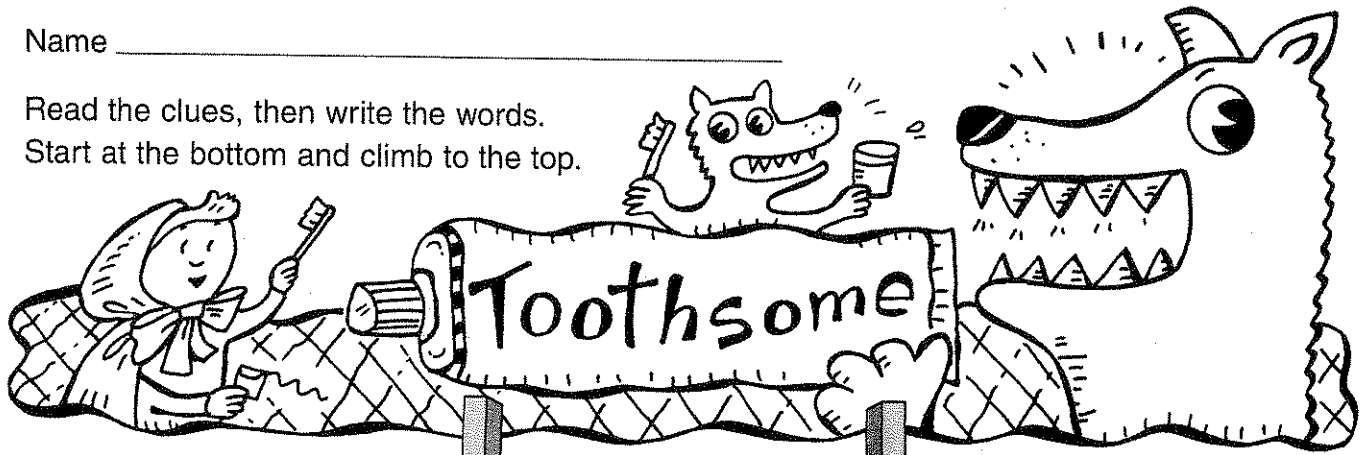
When something is set ablaze it makes this.  
**Change one letter.**

 To stop working, usually at a certain age.  
**Change the first three letters.**

v a m p i r e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A depression or indentation.  
**Change one letter.**

Short for "Donald."  
**Change one letter.**


As quickly as possible.  
**Change one letter.**

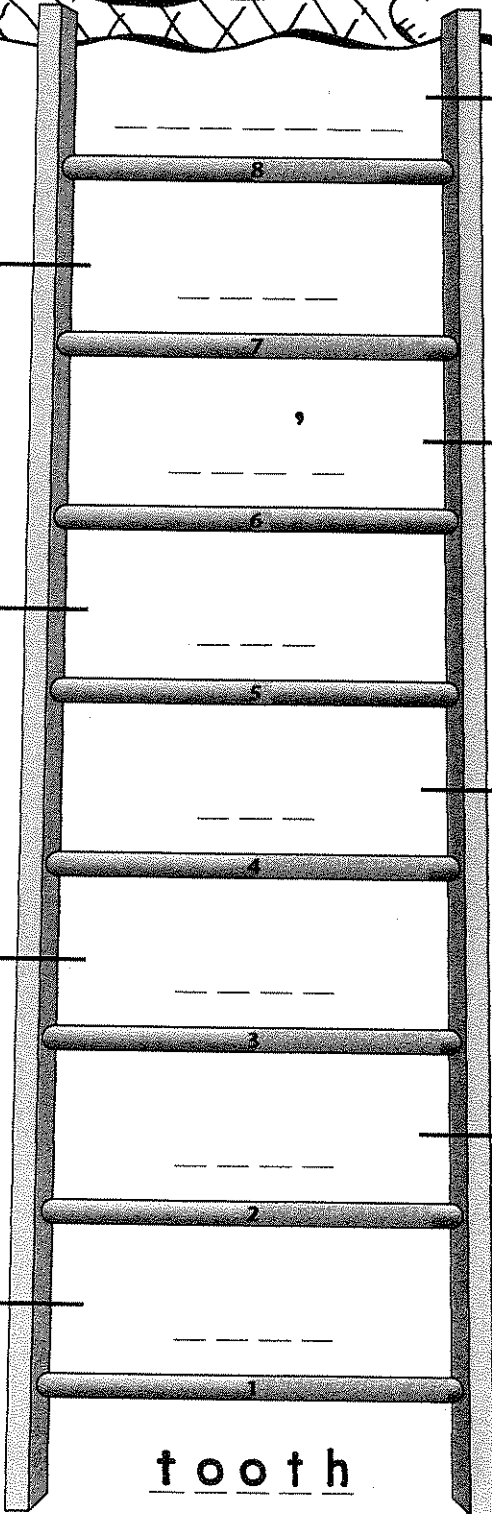
Sound made by a train.  
**Take away one letter.**

A tooth doctor.  
**Add three letters.**

Contraction of *do not*.  
**Add one letter.**

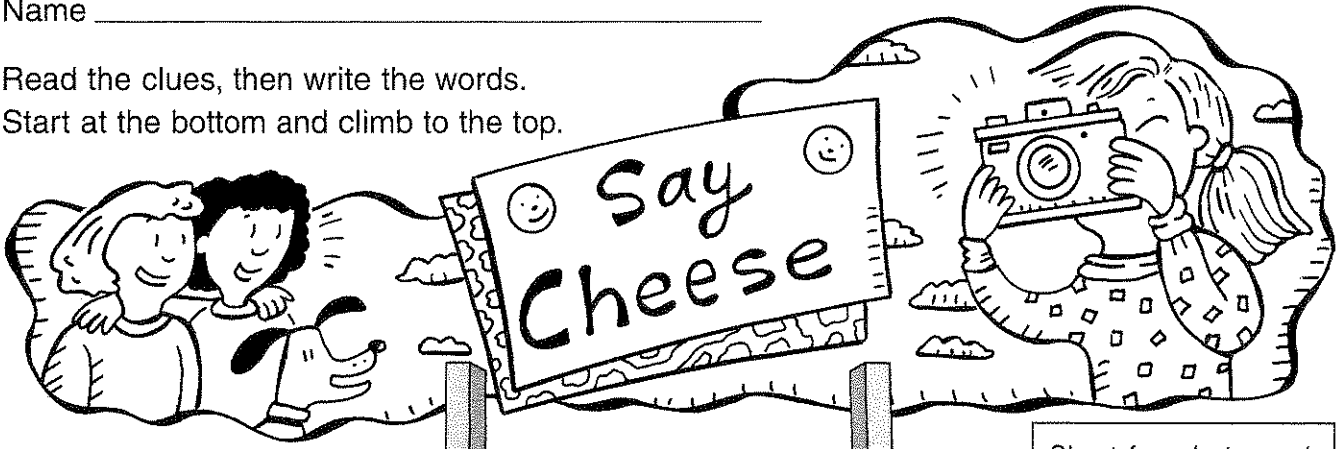
The male child of a father and mother.  
**Take away one letter.**

 A black substance that comes from burning wood.  
**Change the first letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_


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



Very warm.  
Change one letter.

To dislike very much.  
Take away one letter.

One of your senses.  
Rearrange the letters.


 A large area of land, often with a large house on it.  
Change two consonants.

A kind of coat without sleeves.  
Add one letter.

To catch, or to take by force.  
Change the first three letters.

Short for *photograph*.  
Add two letters.

You wear this on your head.  
Take away one letter.

 A hurry.  
Change one letter.

California is a \_\_\_\_ in the U.S.  
Take away one letter.

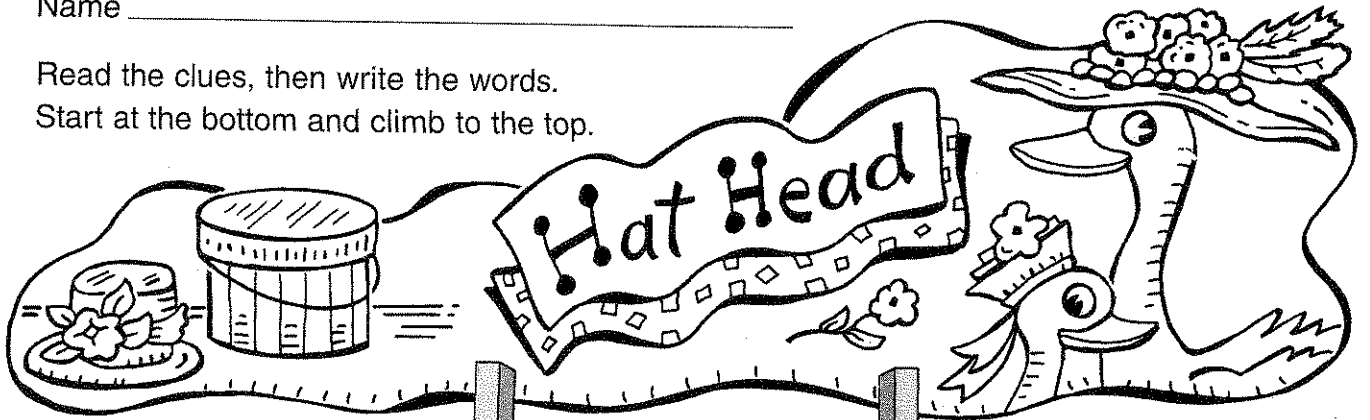
To get away.  
Add two letters to the beginning.

A cover for the head.  
Take away four letters.

p i c t u r e

Name \_\_\_\_\_


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



The way dogs drink water.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

A force that brings good fortune.  
**Change one letter.**

A flat object that holds computer data.  
**Change one letter.**

 The name of the symbol that looks like this: \*.  
**Add three letters.**

If you \_\_\_\_ something, you use it carelessly.  
**Change one letter.**


Opposite of love.  
**Add one letter.**


A covering for the head.  
**Change one letter.**

To miss or be deficient in something.  
**Change one letter.**

An aquatic bird that quacks.  
**Change the two middle letters.**

To take a chance.  
**Take away four letters.**

 A flower in the shape of a star.  
**Take away the first letter, then add one to the end.**

 A hurry.  
**Add one letter.**

12 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

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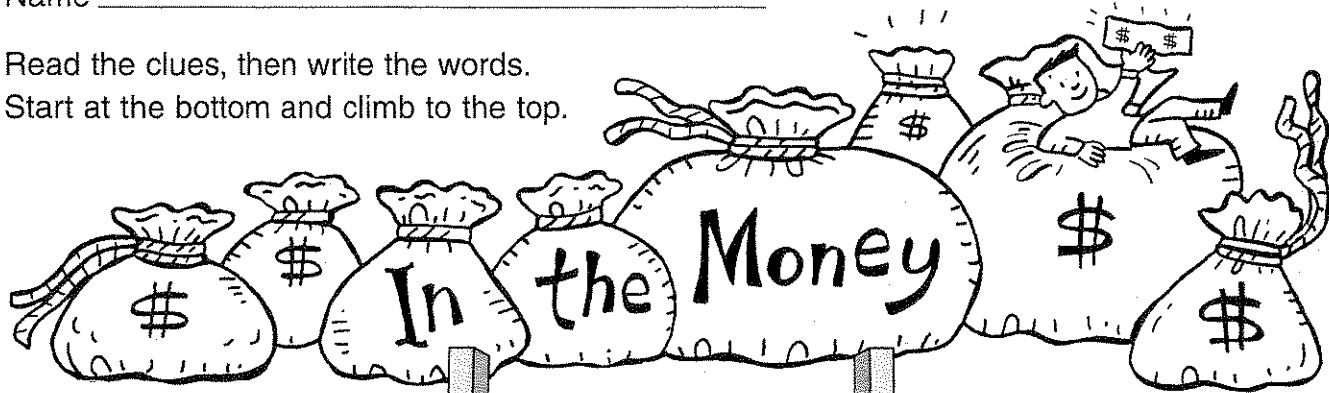
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the clues, then write the words.  
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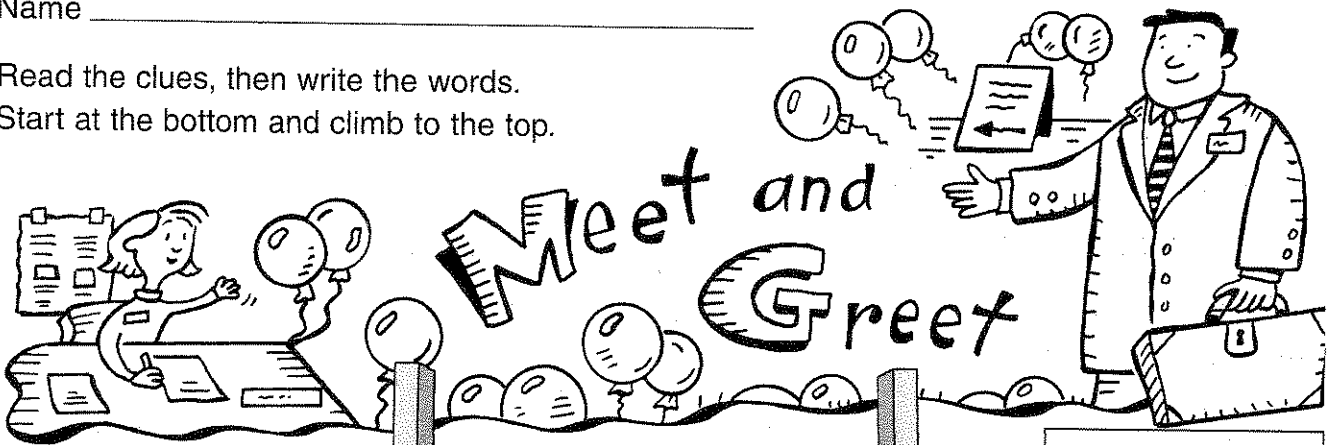
A ladder with 10 rungs, numbered 1 to 10 from bottom to top. The word "million" is written at the bottom. Clues are provided for each rung:

- 10: A unit of money. Add two letters.
- 9: Something children play with. Change one letter.
- 8: A fee paid for a service. Change one letter.
- 7: Not short. Change one letter.
- 6: A box or drawer for keeping money. Take away one letter.
- 5: Quiet or motionless. Change one letter.
- 4: A place in a barn where a horse is kept. Take away three letters.
- 3: A male horse. Add four letters to the beginning.
- 2: A large, wild cat. Take away three letters.
- 1: A thousand million. Change one letter.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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





# Meet and Greet

To come together.  
**Change the first and last letters.**

How fast something travels.  
**Change one letter.**

To hang something.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

 A kind of bridge hung from cables.  
**Add three letters to the beginning of the word.**

 A feeling of stress.  
**Take away the first two letters, then change one.**


Something invented.  
**Take away three letters, then add two.**


Another name for a convention.  
**Add three letters.**

What farmers sow to make plants grow.  
**Take away one letter.**

To use something up, especially money.  
**Take away two letters.**

An anxious feeling you might have at a scary movie.  
**Take away the last three letters, then add one.**

 A regular payment made to a person after he or she retires.  
**Change the first letter.**

 What a person intends or plans to do.  
**Change one consonant.**

12 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

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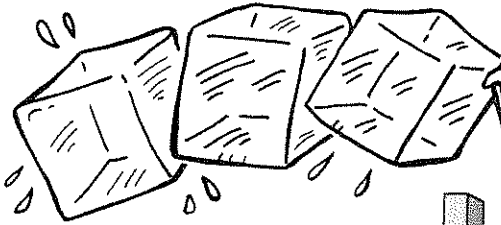
convention

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cool

Drinks



What ice becomes when it melts.

Take away the middle two letters, then add one.

To transport yourself using your legs.

Change one letter.

The stem of a plant.

Change the first two letters.

A drinking goblet.

Take away the first letter, then add two more.

\_\_\_ in Wonderland.

Add two letters.

A person who walks is a \_\_\_\_.

Add two letters.

To speak.

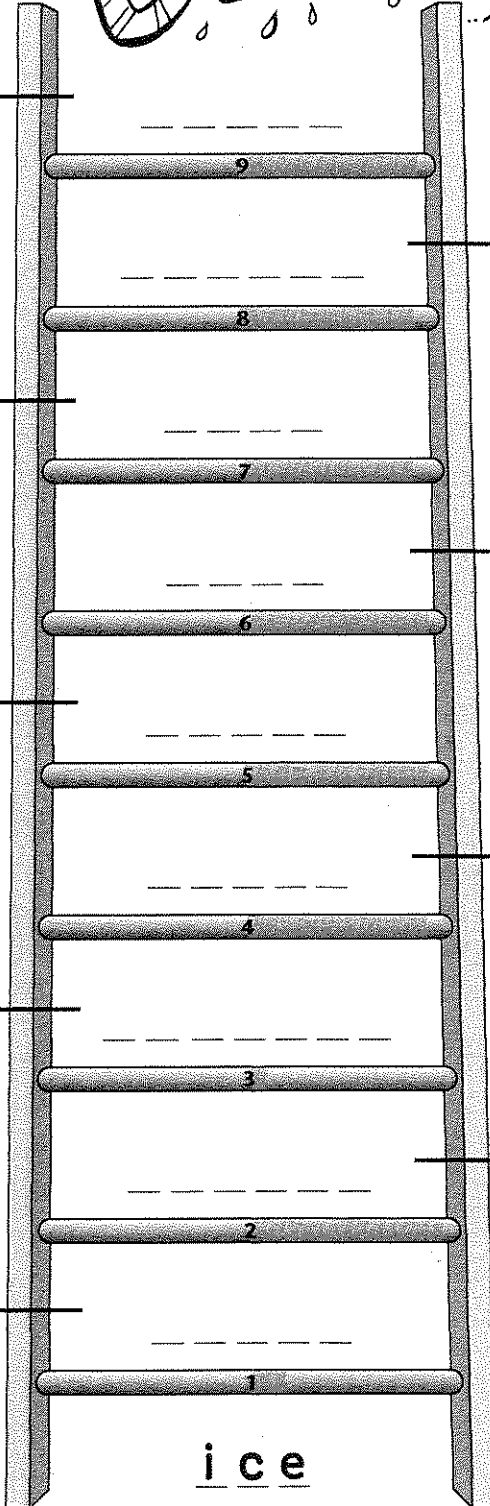
Take away one letter.

A white stick used for writing on a blackboard.

Take away the last three letters, then add one.

A feeling of ill will or anger toward another.

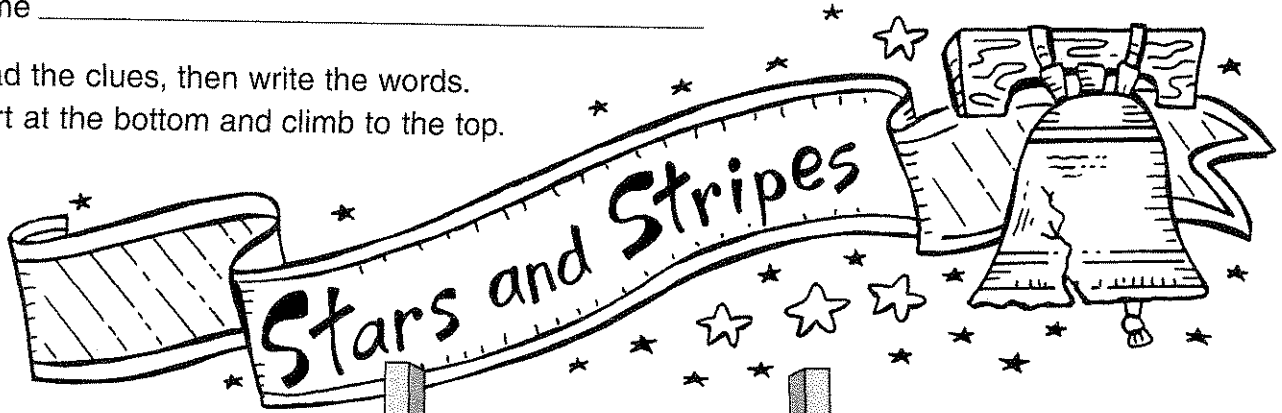
Add one letter to the beginning.



i c e


Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



You pound this with a hammer.  
**Change one letter.**

Precipitation.  
**Take away one letter.**

 A level, treeless plain in Arctic areas.  
**Add two consonants.**

The sister of your mother.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add one.**

A state is divided into sections, each called this.  
**Take away one letter.**

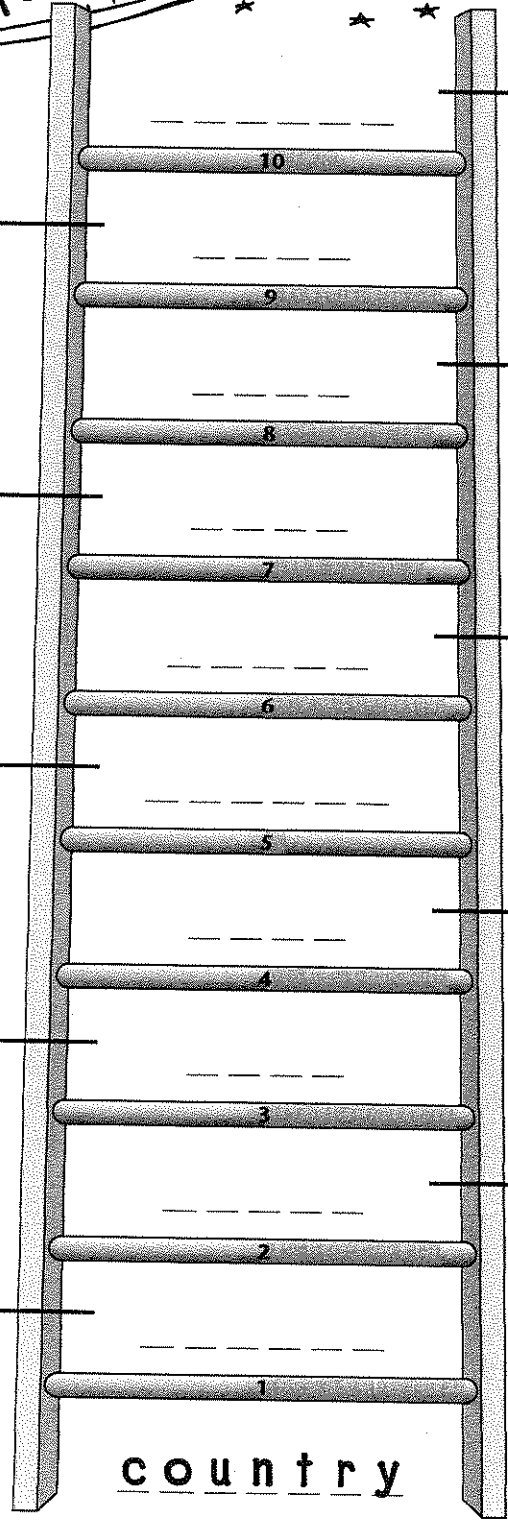
Another word for country.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add four to the end.**

Trains travel on \_\_\_s.  
**Change one letter.**

Bathtubs and sinks have \_\_\_s for the water to go down.  
**Take away the first three letters, then add two to the end.**

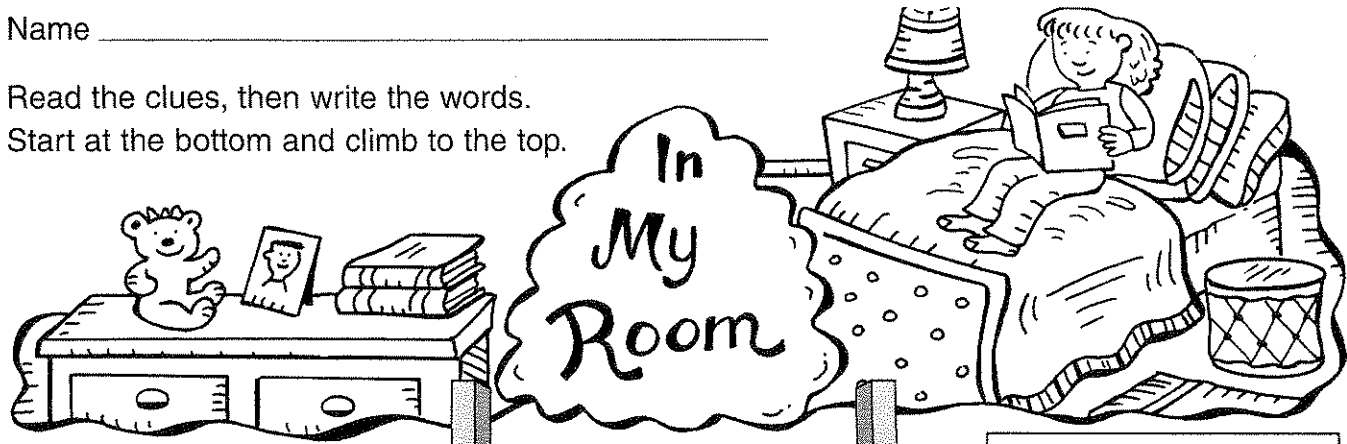
A fish popular for eating in sandwiches.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

To say the numbers in order.  
**Take away one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A ladder with 10 rungs, numbered 1 to 10 from bottom to top. The word **bed** is written at the bottom. Clues are connected to rungs by lines.

**10** \_\_\_\_\_  
A place with walls around it in a house.  
**Change one letter.**

**9** \_\_\_\_\_  
A loud, explosive noise.  
**Take away one letter.**

**8** \_\_\_\_\_  
A tool for sweeping dirt from floors.  
**Change one letter.**

**7** \_\_\_\_\_  
To keep worrying or thinking about something.  
**Change the last letter.**

**6** \_\_\_\_\_  
A small river or creek.  
**Change two vowels.**

**5** \_\_\_\_\_  
To destroy or separate into parts.  
**Change one letter.**

**4** \_\_\_\_\_  
A sandwich is made with this.  
**Add one letter.**

**3** \_\_\_\_\_  
What you do to a book.  
**Add one letter.**

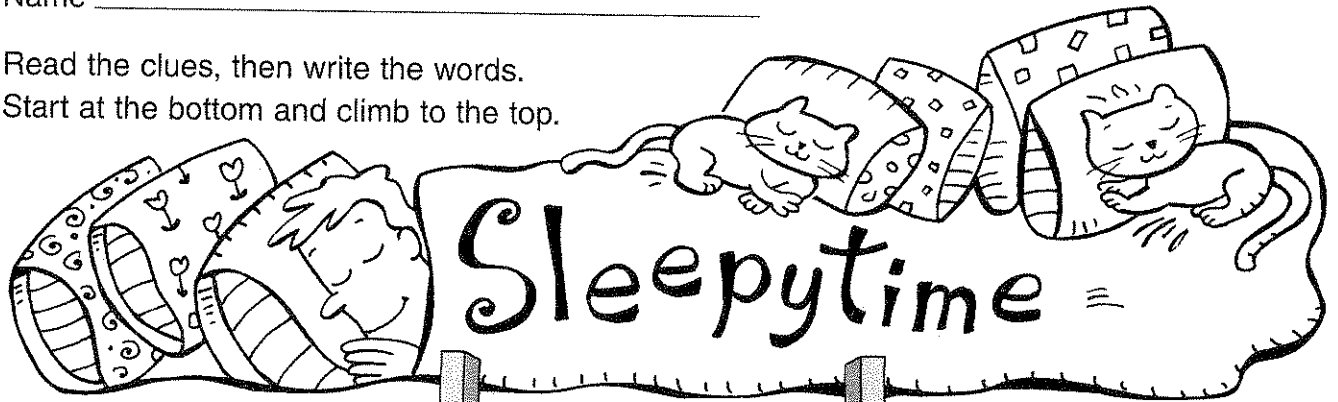
**2** \_\_\_\_\_  
The color of blood.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add one.**

**1** \_\_\_\_\_  
To have lost blood.  
**Add one letter.**

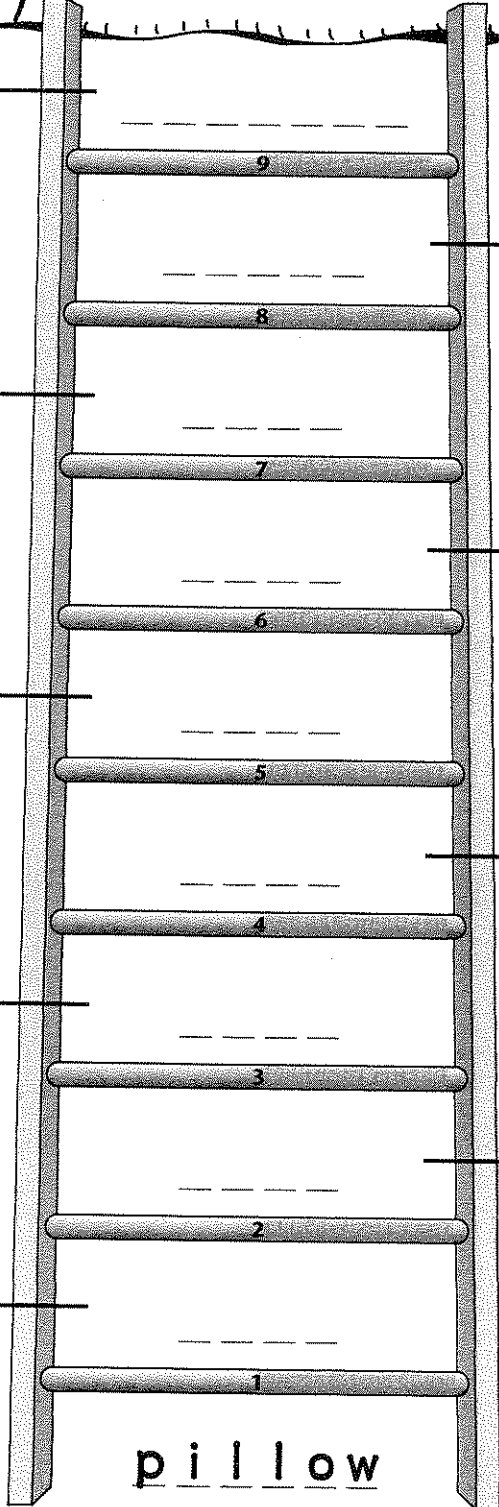
**bed**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Something that goes with a pillow.  
**Add two letters.**



Fill in the \_\_\_\_.  
**Add one letter.**

A place to put money.  
**Change one letter.**

A container for holding liquid or gas.  
**Change one letter.**

To speak.  
**Change one consonant.**

Not short.  
**Change one letter.**

Another word for autumn.  
**Change one letter.**

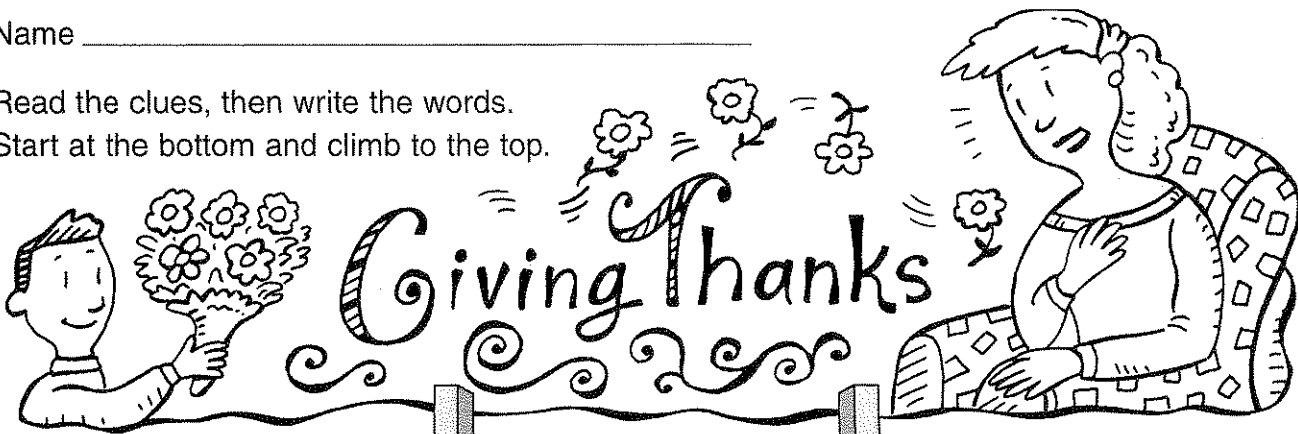
When you put water in a glass, you \_\_\_\_ it up.  
**Change one letter.**

Many medicines come in this form.  
**Take away two letters.**

p i l l o w

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Another word for grateful.  
Take away the first two letters, then add five.

\_\_\_\_\_

7

Very bad.  
Take away the last two letters, then add three.

\_\_\_\_\_

6

You move \_\_\_\_\_ from a place, person, or thing.  
Take away three letters.


\_\_\_\_\_

5

A brief vacation, as in "a weekend \_\_\_\_\_."  
Rearrange two letters.

\_\_\_\_\_

4

 An opening for something.  
A starting place.  
Add three letters to the end.

\_\_\_\_\_

3

A door on a fence.  
Take away one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_

2

To shred food like cheese into small pieces.  
Take away three letters.

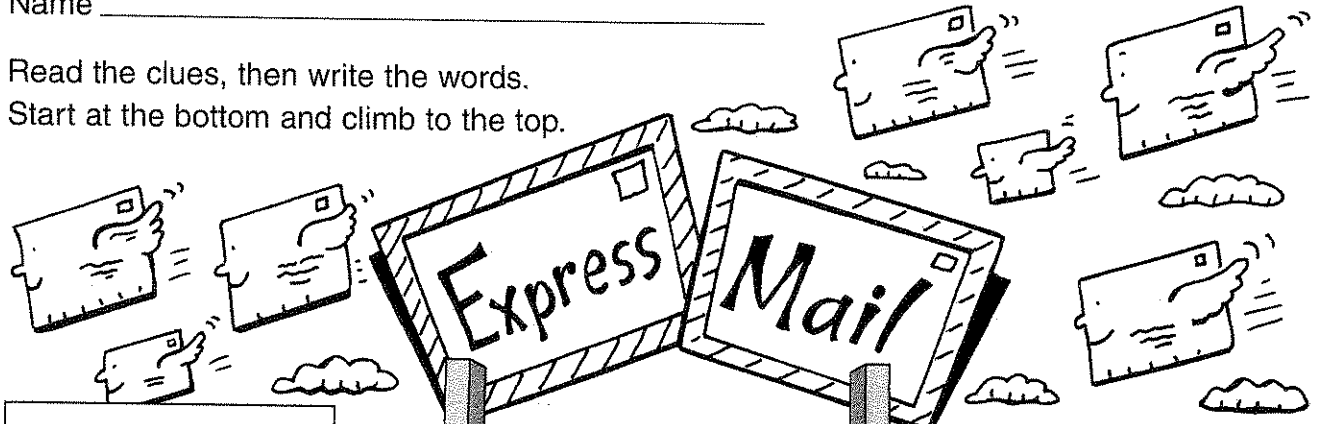
\_\_\_\_\_

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g r a t e f u l

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



What you do to mail.  
**Change one letter.**

Unhappy.  
**Change one letter.**

To shut hard.  
**Change one letter.**

A gooey substance you might call *gross*.  
**Add one letter.**

Something you sometimes have to stand in while you wait.  
**Change one letter.**

An organ in the body.  
**Take away two letters.**

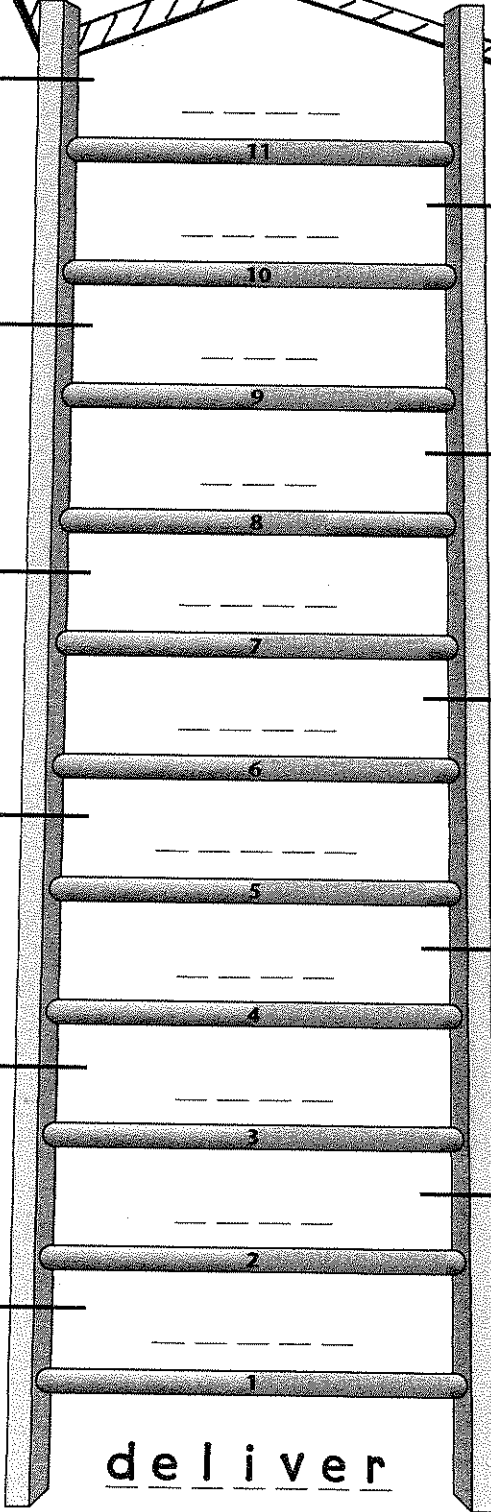
Grainy substance found on beaches.  
**Add one letter.**

Short for "Samuel."  
**Take away one letter.**

Thin.  
**Take away one letter.**

A citrus fruit.  
**Change one letter.**

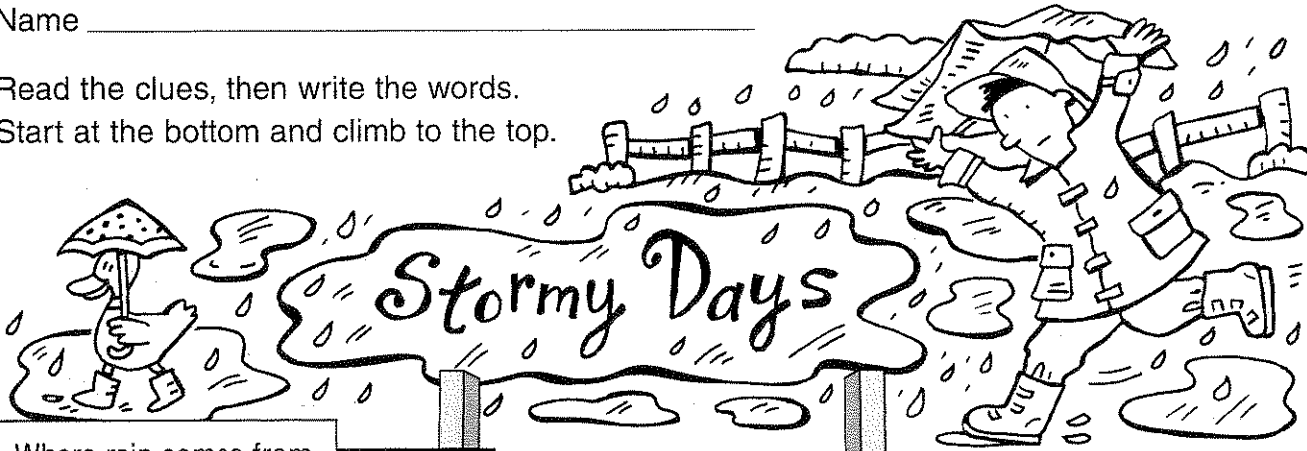
To be alive.  
**Take away one letter.**



d e l i v e r

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Where rain comes from.  
**Add one letter.**

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11

Noisy.  
**Change one letter.**

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10

A person who has power or authority over others.  
**Change one letter.**

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9

Two words, one \_\_\_\_.  
**Take away one letter.**

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8

What we are making in this activity.  
**Move one letter.**

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7

A knight would have one of these.  
**Change one letter.**

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6

If you made a formal, solemn promise, you \_\_\_\_.  
**Add one letter.**

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5

Past tense of *wear*.  
**Take away one vowel, then add two.**

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4

Opposite of peace.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

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3

Not cooked.  
**Change one letter.**

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2

Walked fast.  
**Take away one letter.**

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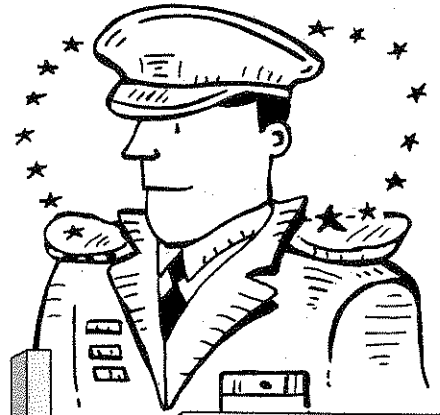
r a i n



Name \_\_\_\_\_


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


# Official Officers



Highest rank in the military.  
**Take away two letters.**


Usually, I \_\_\_\_ like sweets but don't want any today.  
**Take away the last four letters, then add three.**

 A group of people born and living at the same time.  
**Take away the last letter, then add three.**

 To produce or make electricity is to \_\_\_\_ it.  
**Add three letters after the g.**

What you do to cheese to make it into small pieces.  
**Add one letter.**

To judge or grade others or things.  
**Take away one letter.**

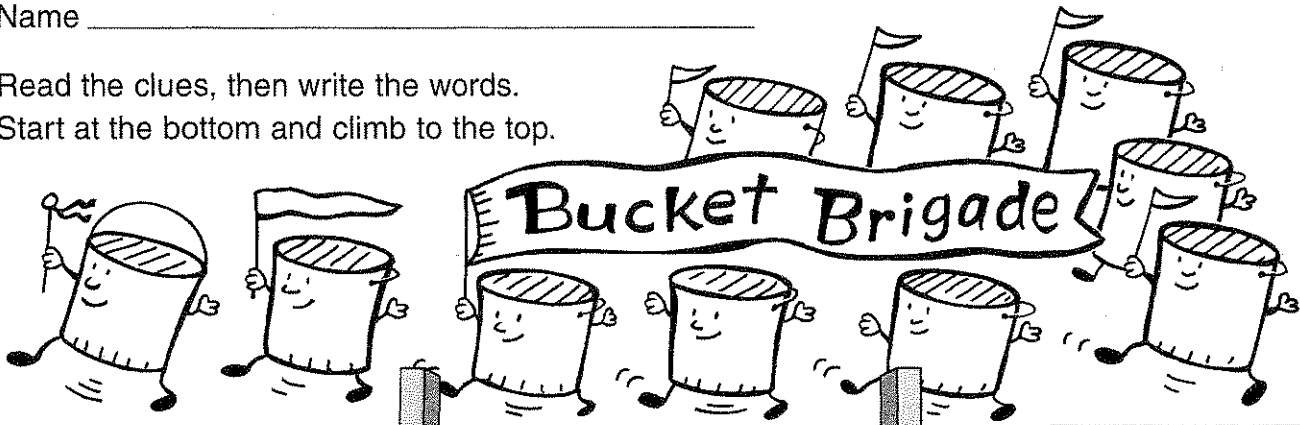
 Very angry.  
**Take away one letter.**

Someone who steals from others on the high seas.  
**Take away one letter, then rearrange the second and third letters.**

private

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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




To put clothes in a suitcase.  
**Change one letter.**

Short for "Mickey."  
**Change one letter.**

Where boats are parked.  
**Take away three letters, then add one.**


A person who leads or guides an orchestra or train.  
**Add two letters to the end.**

 A kind of heavy tape.  
**Change the last letter.**

Another word for a dollar.  
**Take away two letters.**

Another name for a bucket.  
**Change the last two letters.**

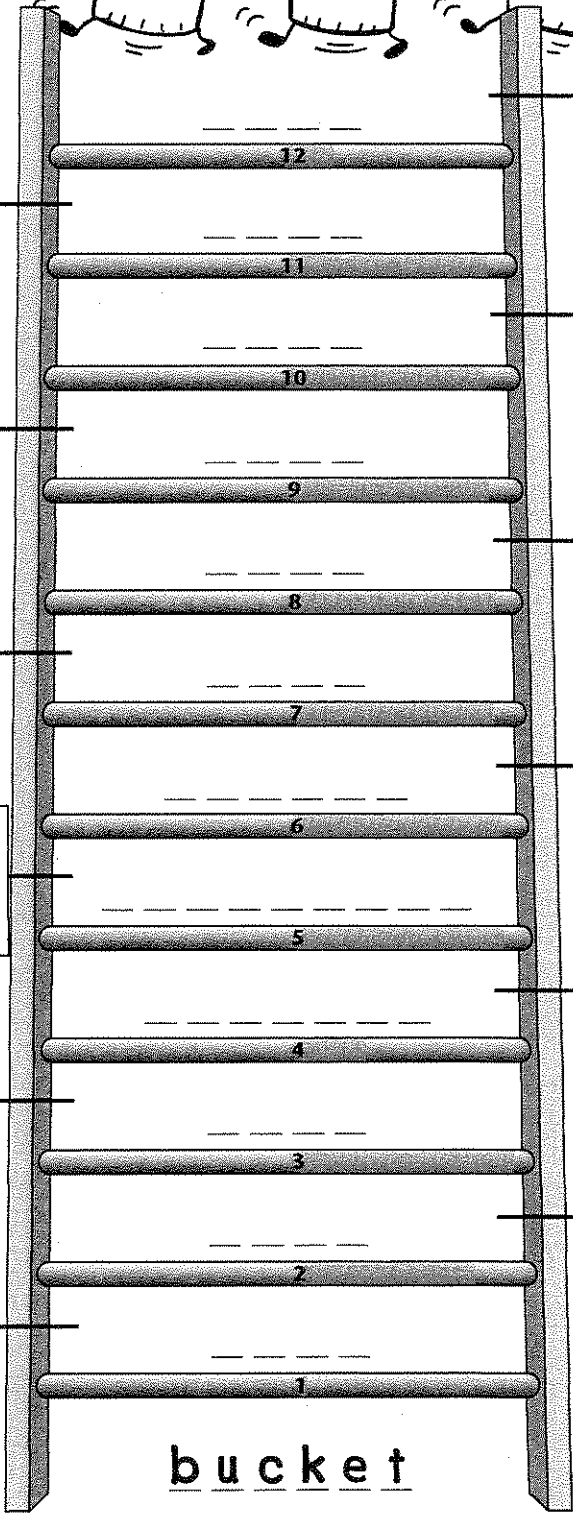
What you do to ripe fruit on the tree or vine.  
**Change one letter.**

 To ridicule another person.  
**Change one letter.**

A person who works to heal the sick.  
**Take away four letters, then add one.**

To lead or guide an orchestra or train.  
**Add three letters to the beginning.**

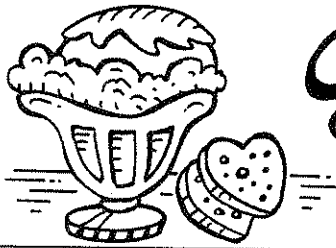
An aquatic bird that quacks.  
**Change one letter.**



bucket

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Sweet Things



The flavor of caramel.  
**Change one letter.**

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9

Perspiration.  
**Add one letter.**

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8

A place where one can sit.  
**Change one letter.**

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7



The place where two pieces of cloth are sewn together.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

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6

Like something else in all ways.  
**Change one letter.**

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5

Mentally sound or healthy.  
**Change one letter.**

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4

A long stick to help with walking.  
**Change one letter.**

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3

To have come.  
**Take away one letter.**

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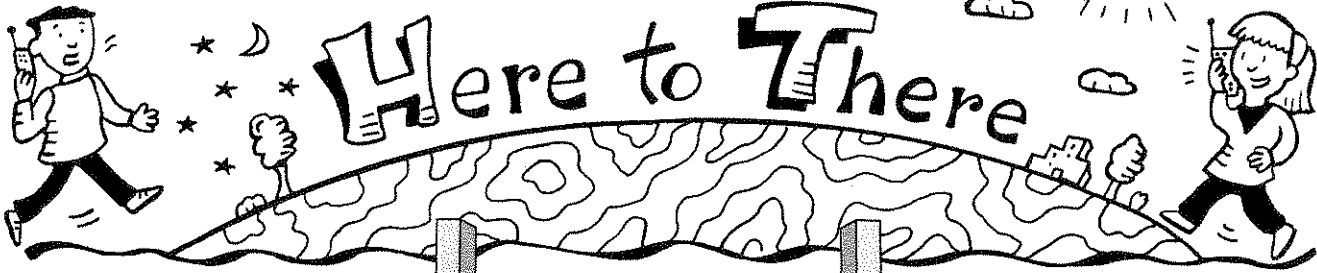
A desert animal.  
**Take away two letters.**

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1

c a r a m e l

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A small bump on the skin.  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of rabbit.  
**Change one letter.**

This place. \_\_\_\_ I am!  
**Take away one letter.**

Past tense of *are*.  
**Change one letter.**

Opposite of less.  
**Change one letter.**

The red planet.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

Besides march, another way to move with the legs.  
**Change the last two letters.**

Items of the same kind, like hard \_\_\_\_, silver \_\_\_\_, or soft \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

To employ another person.  
**Change one letter.**

Word used to ask about something's location.  
**Add one letter.**

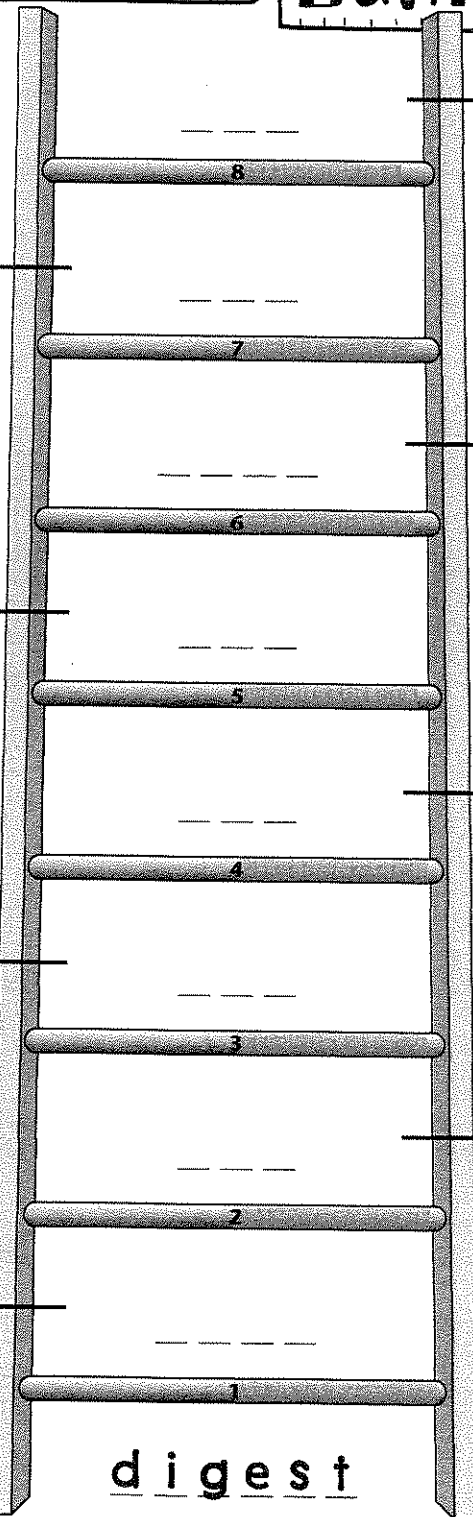
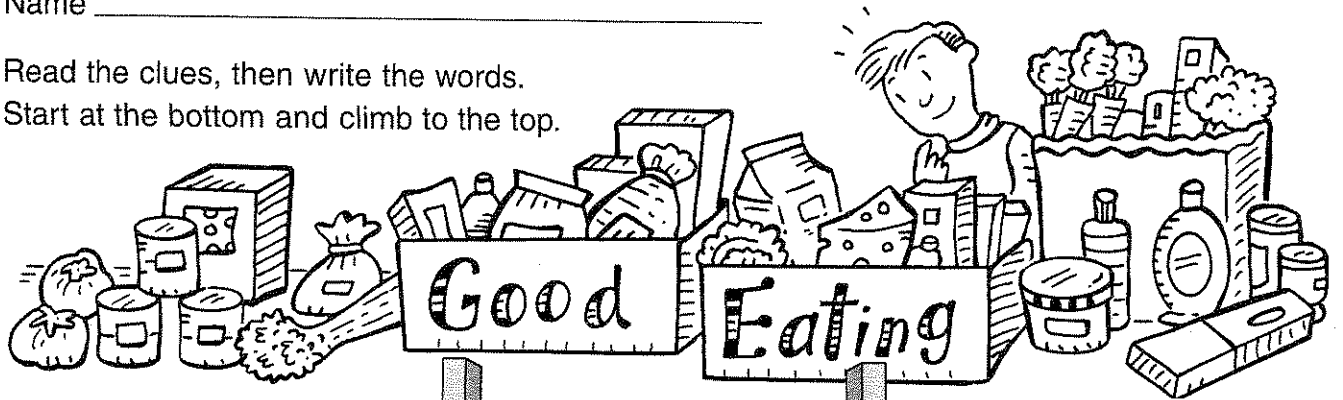
Yesterday I \_\_\_\_ my favorite shirt.  
**Change one letter.**

A female horse.  
**Change one letter.**

m a r c h

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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





What you do to food.  
**Change one letter.**

A floor covering.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

To have built or produced something.  
**Add one letter.**

Angry.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

 A structure used to hold back water.  
**Change one letter.**

 Light that is not bright.  
**Change one letter.**

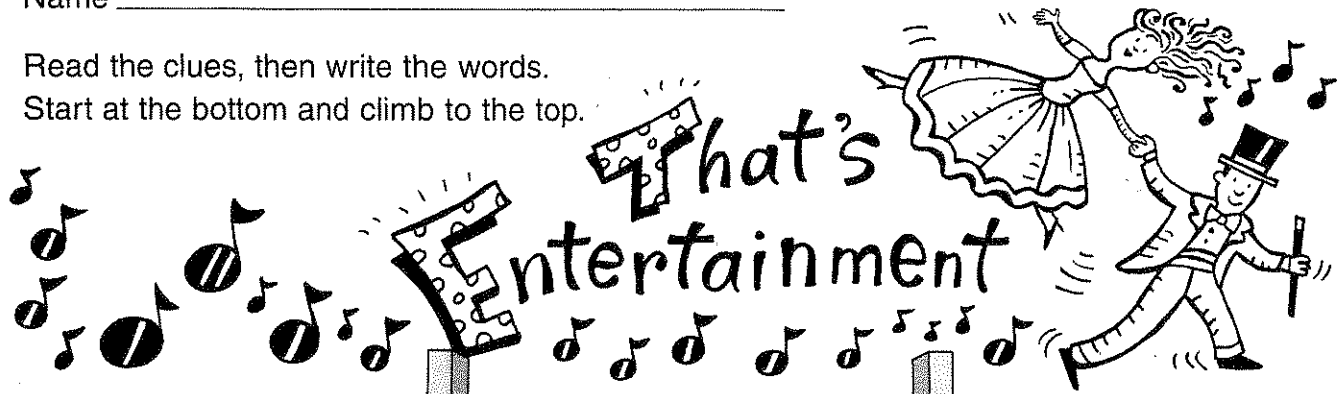
Opposite of live.  
**Take away one letter.**

What you eat, as in "a healthy \_\_\_\_."  
**Take away two letters.**

d i g e s t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



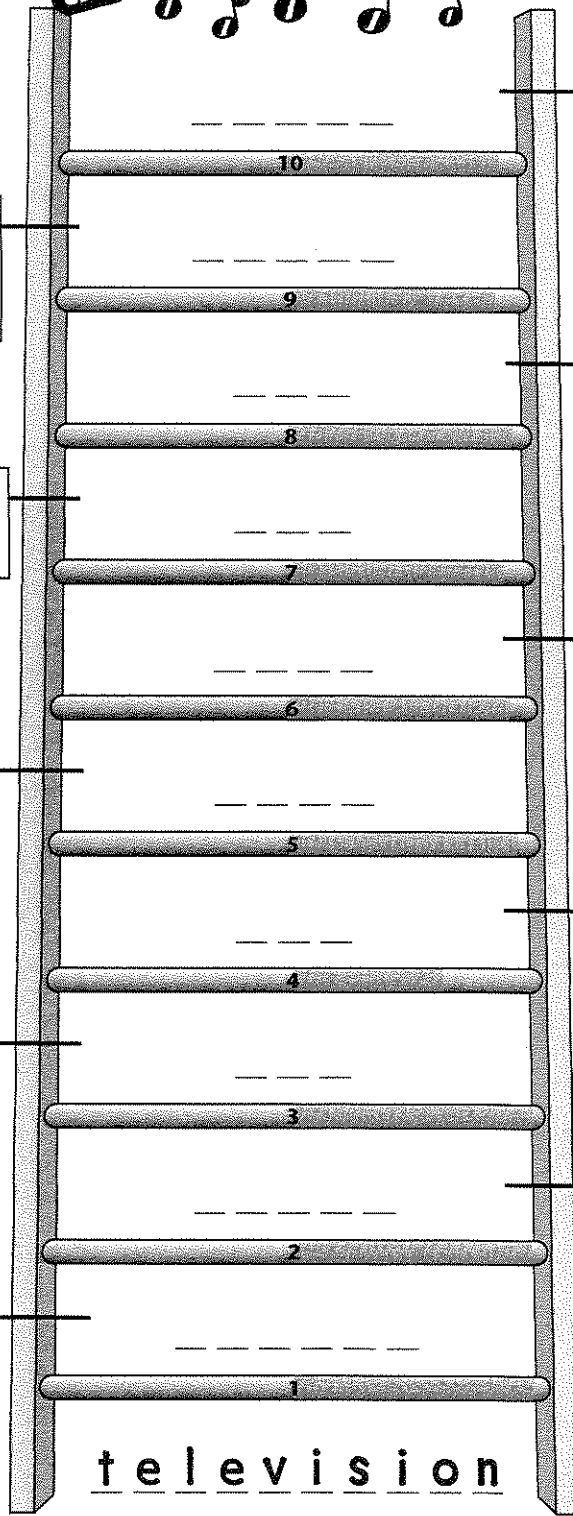
A comparison of two amounts using division.  
**Add two letters to the end.**

You wear this on your head.  
**Take away one letter.**

Something that you sit on.  
**Add one letter.**

To be seated.  
**Take away two letters.**

The sense of sight.  
**Take away four letters.**



I listened to the baseball game on the \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

A large rodent.  
**Change one letter.**

This makes something hot.  
**Change one letter.**

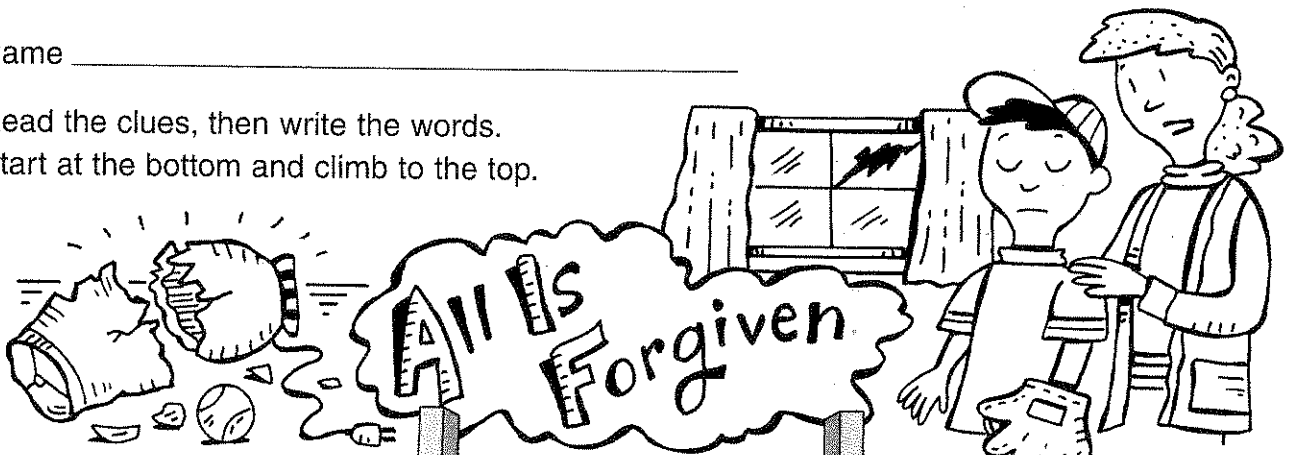
A collection of related items.  
**Change one letter.**

To pay a call on someone.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

t e l e v i s i o n

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



To gain possession of something.  
**Take away five letters.**

To collect or accumulate.  
**Change one letter.**


At some time in the future.  
Not now, but \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

An organ in the body.  
**Add one letter.**

What you do with presents.  
**Take away three letters.**

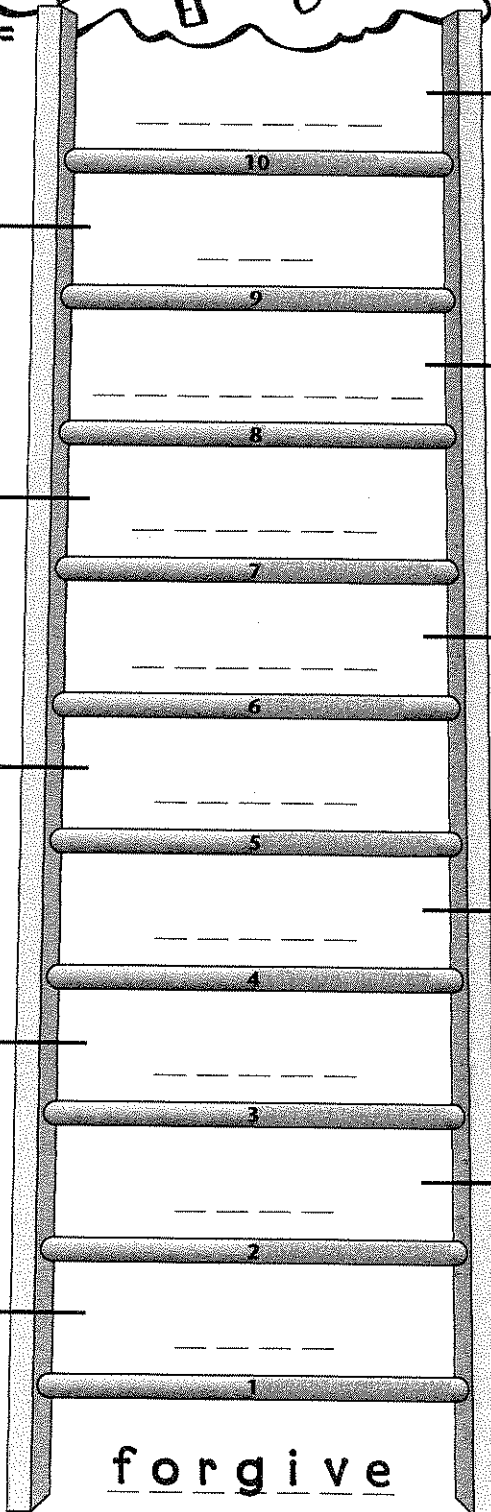
To not remember.  
**Add three letters.**

In one place, as a group.  
We walked to school \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter, then add two more.**

 The foam soap makes.  
**Add one consonant after the t.**

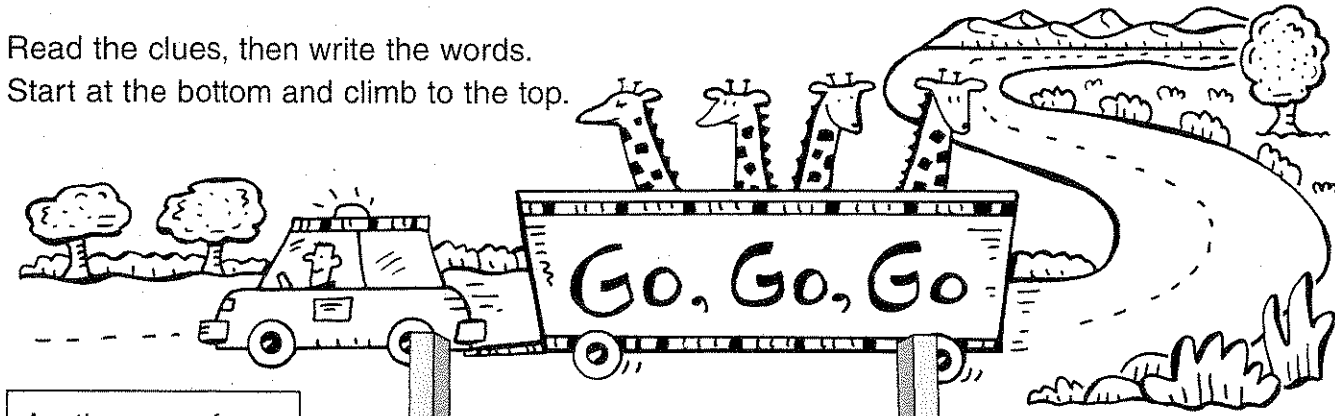
A unit of volume, slightly smaller than a quart.  
**Change one letter.**

To be alive.  
**Change one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Another name for an automobile.  
**Change one letter.**


\_\_\_\_\_ 9

Another name for a taxi.  
**Take away one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 8

What grows over a wound as it heals.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 7

 What you say to an animal to shoo it away.  
**Change the vowel.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 6

A person from Scotland.  
**Add one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 5

A small bed.  
**Change one letter.**


\_\_\_\_\_ 4

Part of an ear of corn.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3

A large unruly crowd.  
**Take away three letters.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2

 Able to move.  
**Take away four letters.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

a u t o m o b i l e



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Your uncle is married to your \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Add one letter.**

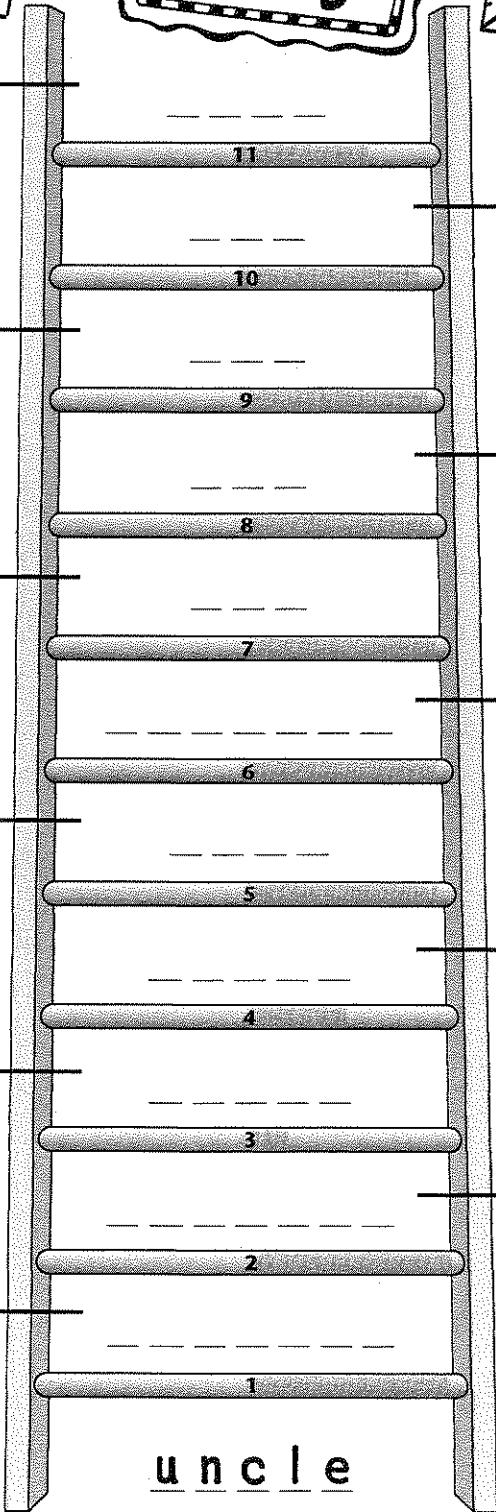
Music, sculpture, painting, dance, etc.  
**Change one letter.**

A part of the head used for hearing.  
**Take away four letters.**

To make money through work.  
**Take away one letter.**


Transparent.  
**Take away two letters.**

Not clear.  
**Add two letters.**




An insect that lives in a colony.  
**Change one letter.**

We \_\_\_\_ going to school today.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

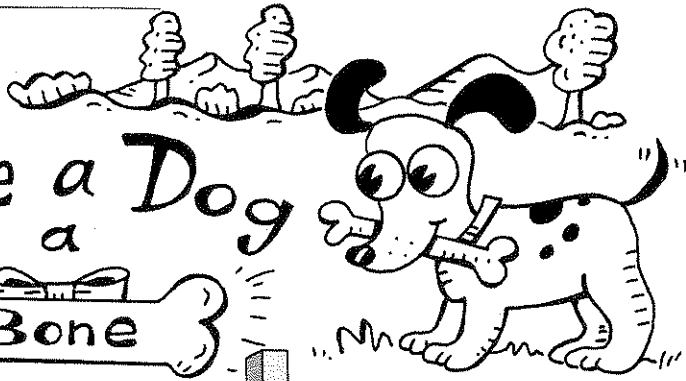
 Serious and eager.  
**Add three letters to the end.**

To gain knowledge.  
**Take away one letter, then add one.**

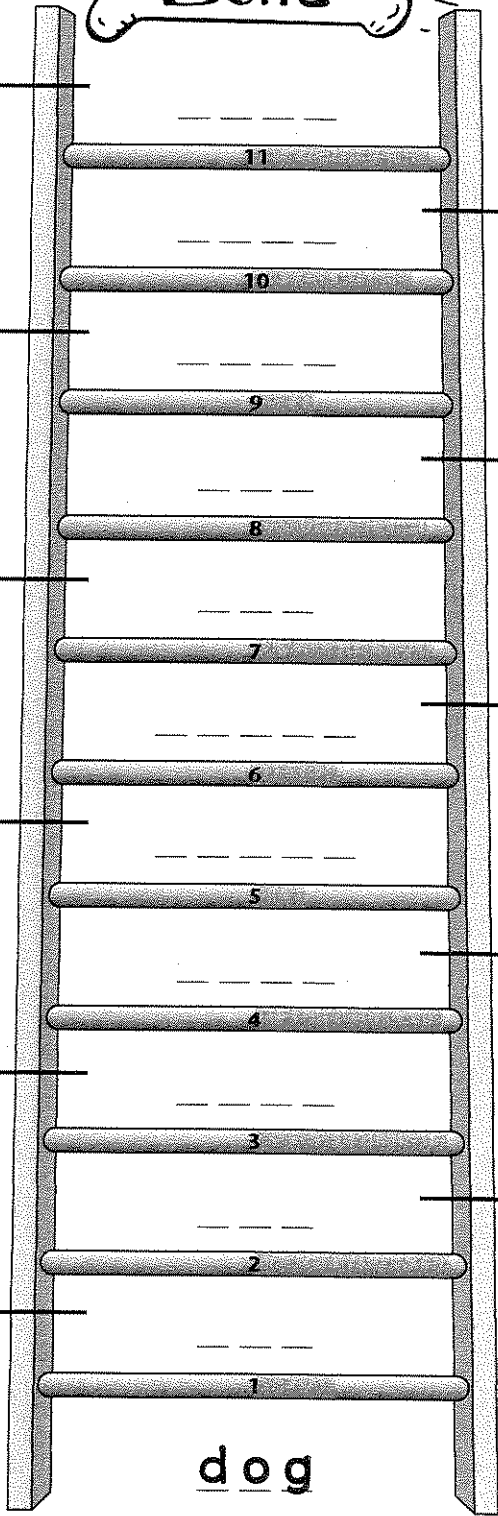
 Relating to atomic energy.  
**Rearrange the first two letters.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Give a Dog a Bone



What a dog likes to chew.  
**Change one letter.**

The deep sound made  
by a bell.  
**Change one letter.**

A sudden, loud, and  
explosive sound.  
**Add one letter.**

A sack for carrying things.  
**Change one letter.**

Not small.  
**Take away two letters.**

To take something or  
someone with you.  
**Change one letter.**

To twist a cloth to make  
water come out of it.  
**Add one letter to the  
beginning.**

Jewelry worn on the finger.  
**Change one letter.**

Sound made by a bell.  
**Add one letter.**

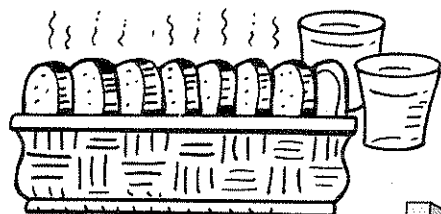
Overwhelming noise.  
**Change the last letter.**

What dogs like to  
do in the dirt.  
**Change one letter.**

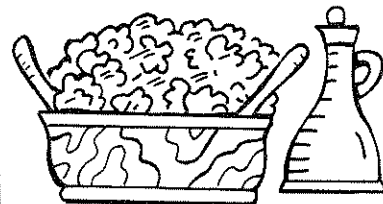
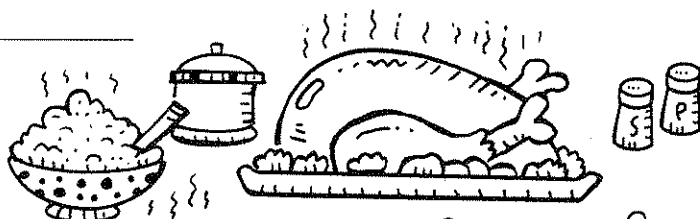
d o g

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Dinner's Ready



A partner.  
Change one letter.

Opposite of thin.  
Change one letter.

To prohibit.  
Take away the last two letters, then add one.

Another word for a taxi.  
Take away two letters.

A piece of furniture to eat on.  
Take away four letters.

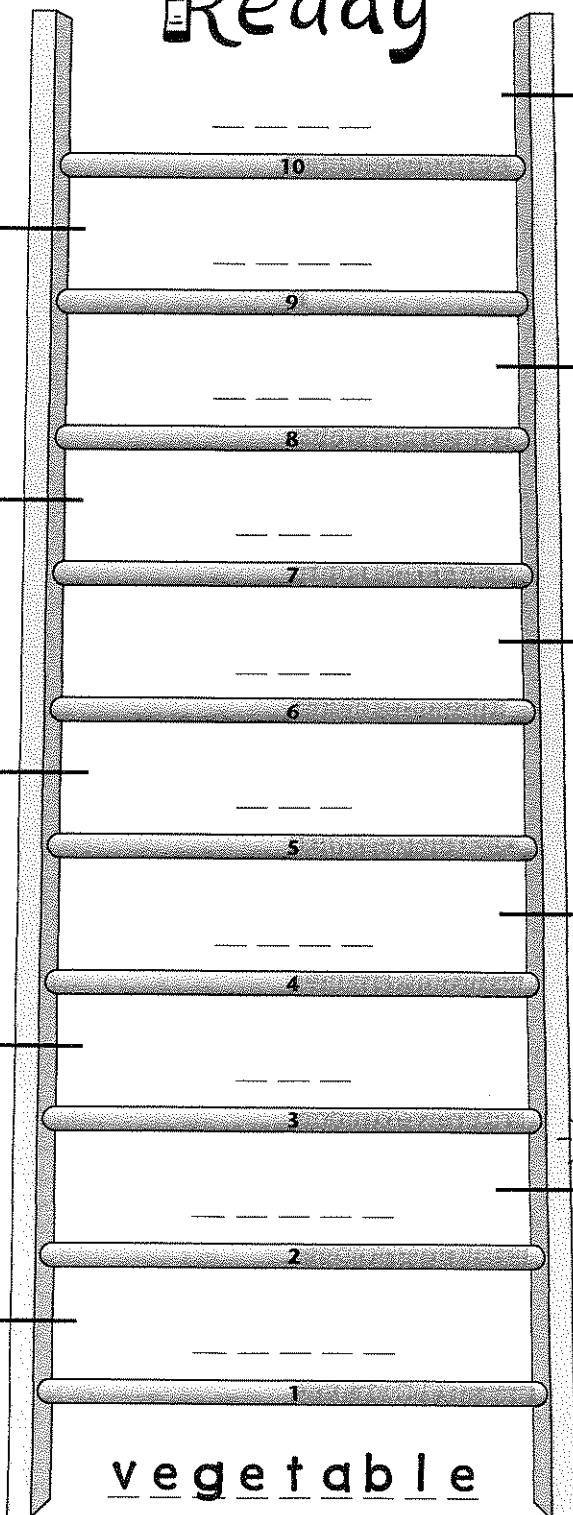
Food that comes from animals.  
Rearrange the letters.

A force that some believe controls events.  
Add one letter to the end.

A device that makes a breeze.  
Change one letter.

A newborn.  
Take away one letter, then add two.

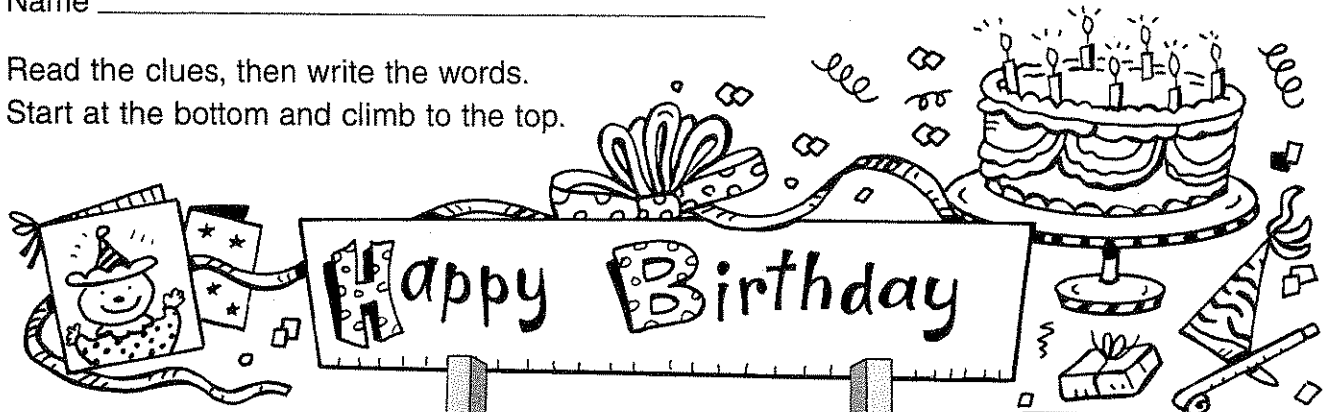
A thick, strong rope often made of metal.  
Change the first letter.



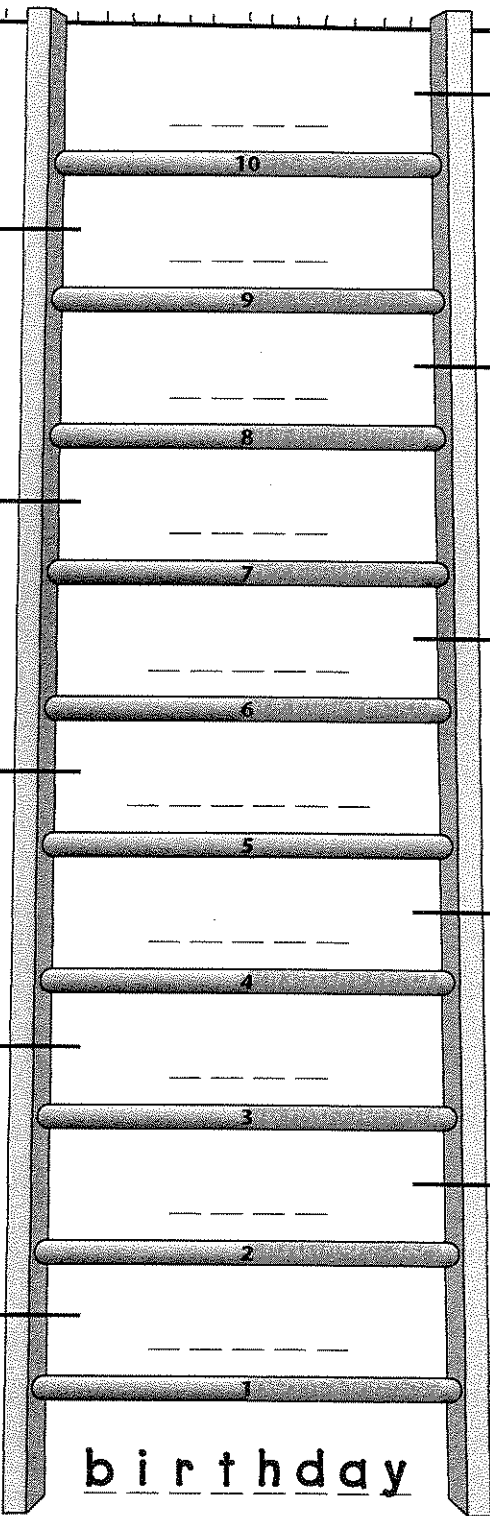
vegetable

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Happy Birthday



What you have at your birthday party.  
**Change one letter.**


In autumn, you \_\_\_\_\_ leaves.  
**Take away one letter, then add one.**

An open framework for holding things.  
**Change the vowel.**

A stone.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

To destroy or ruin something.  
**Take away the last three letters, then add two.**

Vines or flowers woven in a circle and used for decoration.  
**Add one letter.**

  
Strong anger.  
**Take away the first letter, then add two more to the beginning.**

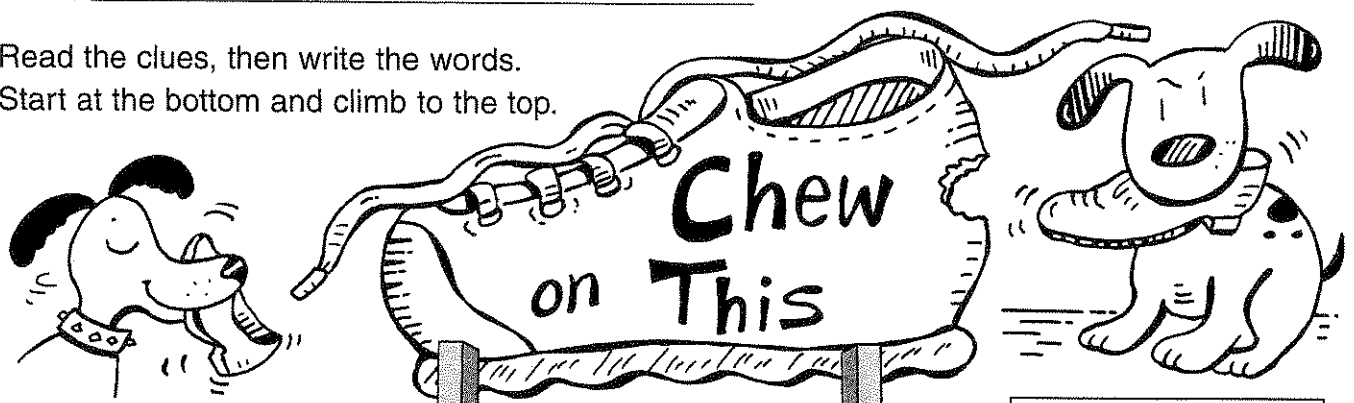
What you might take to get clean.  
**Change one letter.**

Two of something. I can't decide, so I'll take \_\_\_\_\_!  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

The event of being born.  
**Take away three letters.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A \_\_\_\_ is a kind of dog with a blue tongue. Also, another word for food.  
**Change the last letter.**

To move by taking small jumps.  
**Take away one letter.**

Ouch! The doctor gave me a \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

A small house or dwelling.  
**Change one letter.**

Grip with your teeth.  
**Take away one letter.**

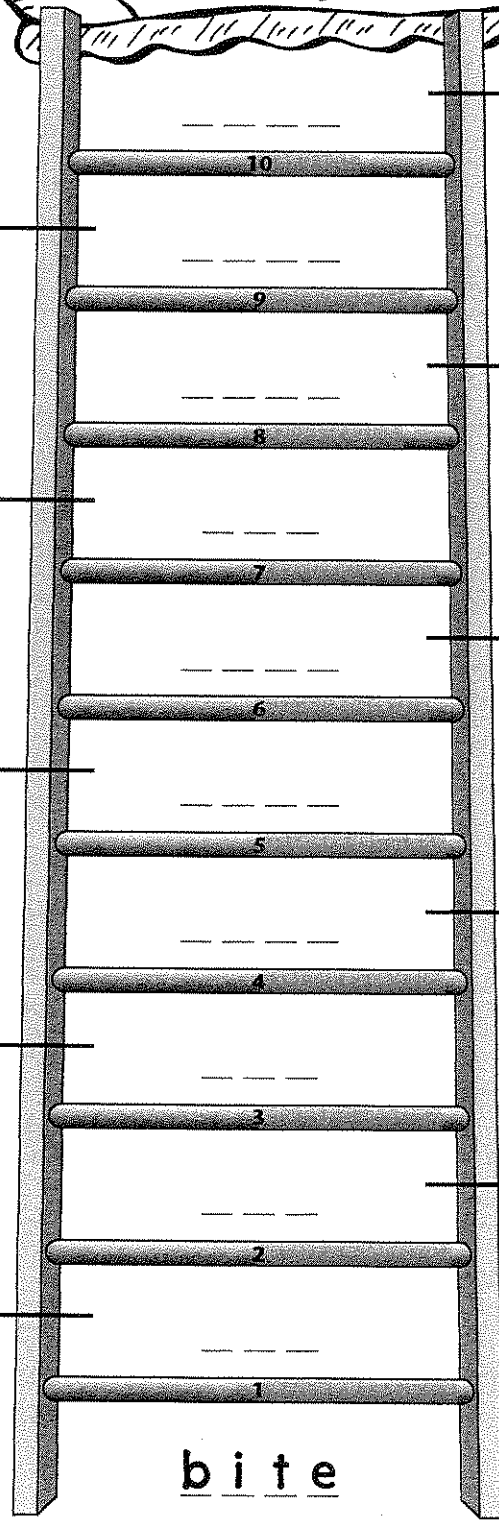
What you do after you take a bite.  
**Change one letter.**

To cut with a quick blow.  
**Add one letter.**

To go to stores and buy things.  
**Change one letter.**

To close.  
**Add one letter.**

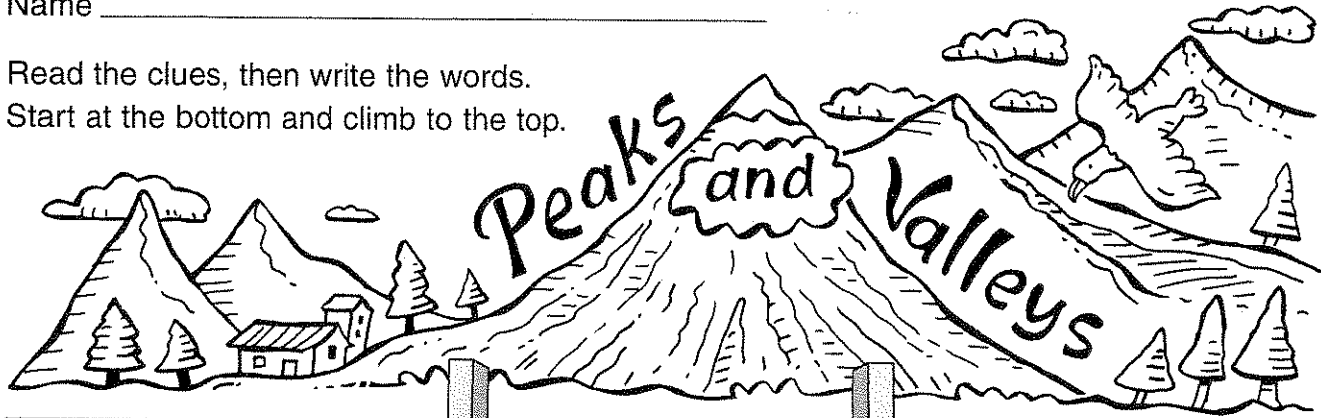
I got a sled for my birthday, \_\_\_\_ I wanted a bike.  
**Change one letter.**



b i t e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Opposite of high.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

9

A rule made by a government.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

8

An tool for cutting wood.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

7

Not cooked.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

6

An old cloth you might use to clean with.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

5

To set up with necessary equipment.  
Rhymes with *jig*.  
**Take away two letters.**

\_\_\_\_\_

4

Opposite of left.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

3

The sense that allows you to see.  
**Add one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

2

To breathe out deeply and audibly.  
**Change one letter.**

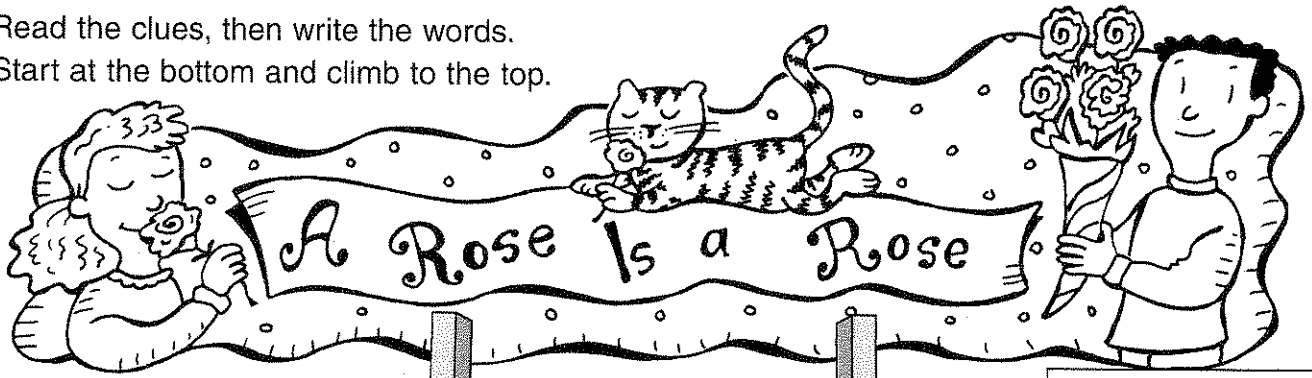
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h i g

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



What you use for smelling and breathing.  
**Change one letter.**

A fastening you make in string or rope.  
**Add one letter.**

Plenty of something.  
**Take away one letter.**

Opposite of fast.  
**Add one letter.**

Bring down. The elevator \_\_\_\_\_ed us to the first floor.  
**Take away one letter.**

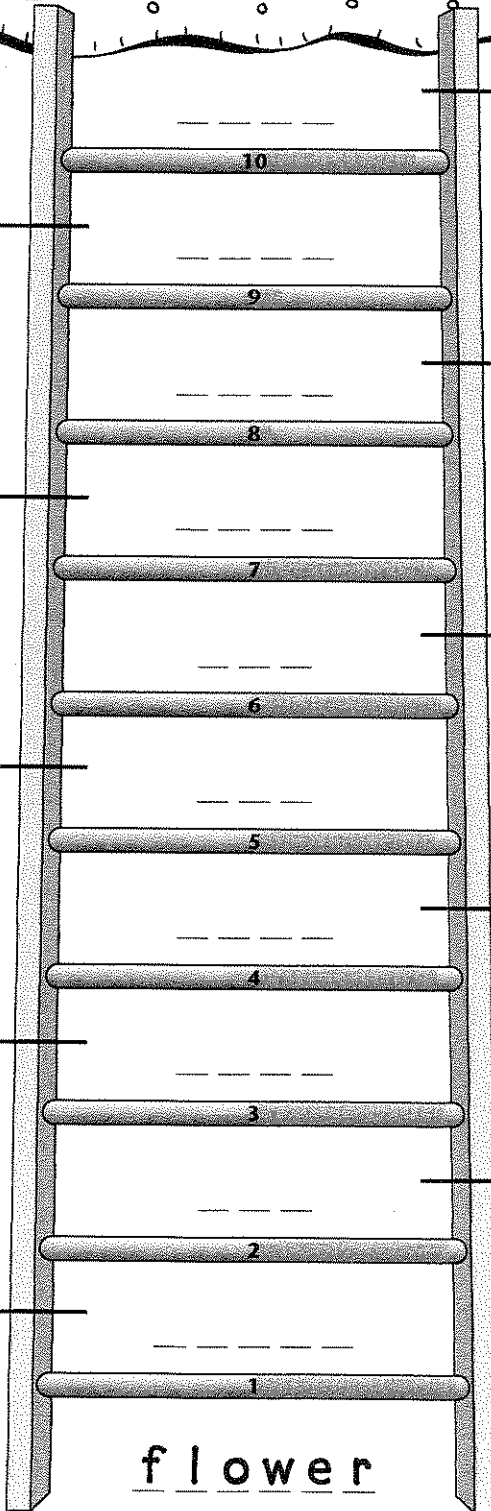
A type of flower.  
**Change one letter.**

A short letter or message.  
**Take away one letter, then add one.**

This word makes a statement negative.  
**Change one letter.**

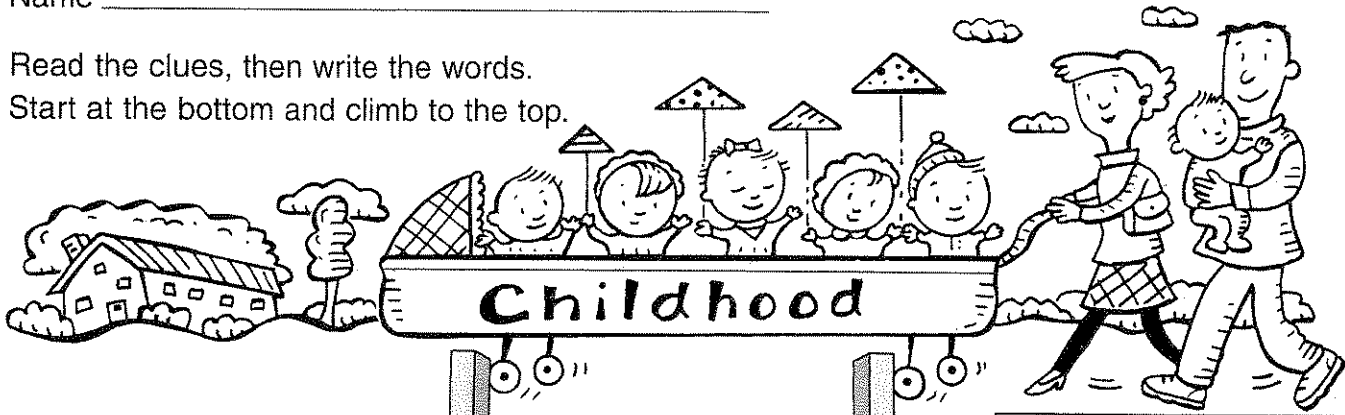
A small, narrow opening.  
Put the coin in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Change the last letter.**

Opposite of high.  
**Take away two letters.**

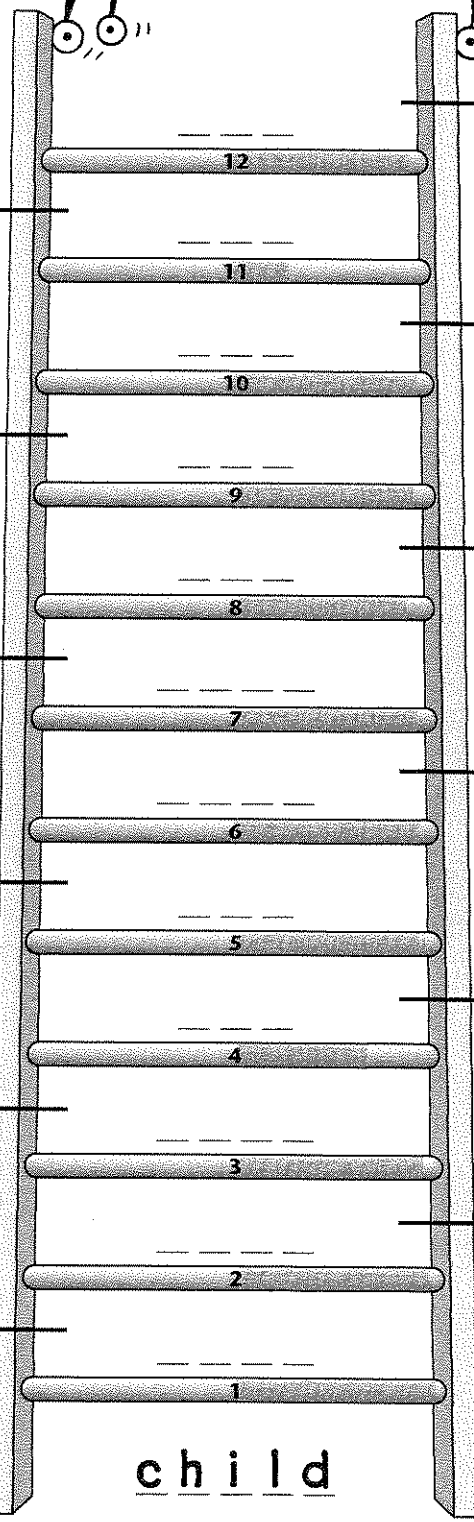


Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Childhood




Another word for a child.  
**Change one letter.**

The past tense of *do*.  
**Change one letter.**

Another name for father.  
**Change one letter.**

Frogs sometimes sit on lily \_\_\_\_s.  
**Change one letter.**

A kitchen utensil used for frying.  
**Take away one letter.**

 The distance between the supports of a bridge.  
**Change the vowel.**


To turn in circles.  
**Add one letter.**

Used for attaching two pieces of cloth together.  
**Change the first letter.**

To defeat others in a game.  
**Take away one letter.**

The moving air.  
**Change one letter.**

What you think and reason with.  
**Change one letter.**

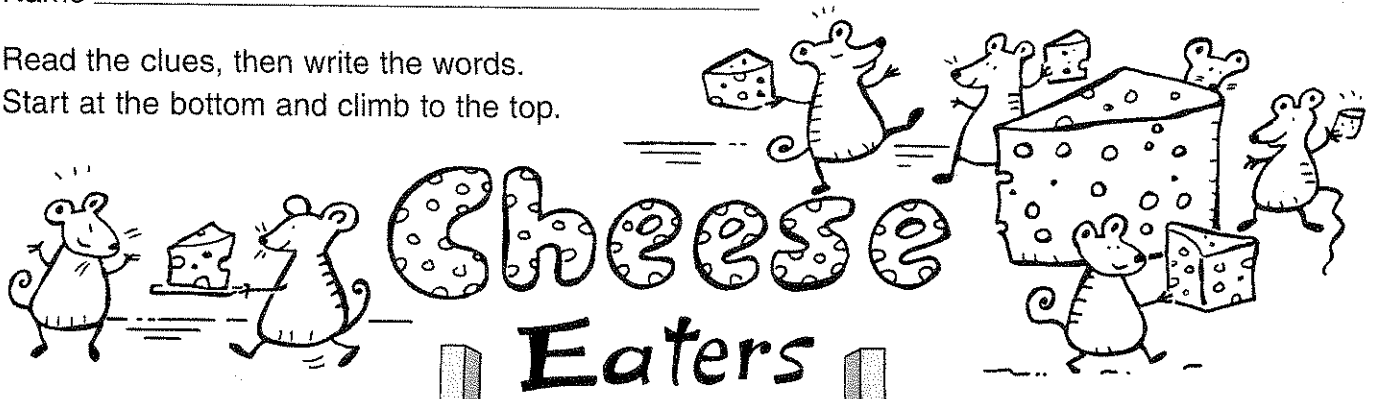
 Moderate or gentle, not harsh.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add one.**

c h i l d



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A large rodent.  
**Change one letter.**

A nocturnal flying mammal.  
**Take away one letter.**

What you might take to get clean.  
**Change one letter.**

To hit with crushing force.  
Rhymes with *lash*.  
**Change one letter.**

The foundation of something.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add one.**

To pursue or hunt.  
**Change one letter.**

Picked something.  
**Add one letter to the beginning.**

A long hollow tube for carrying water.  
**Take away one letter.**

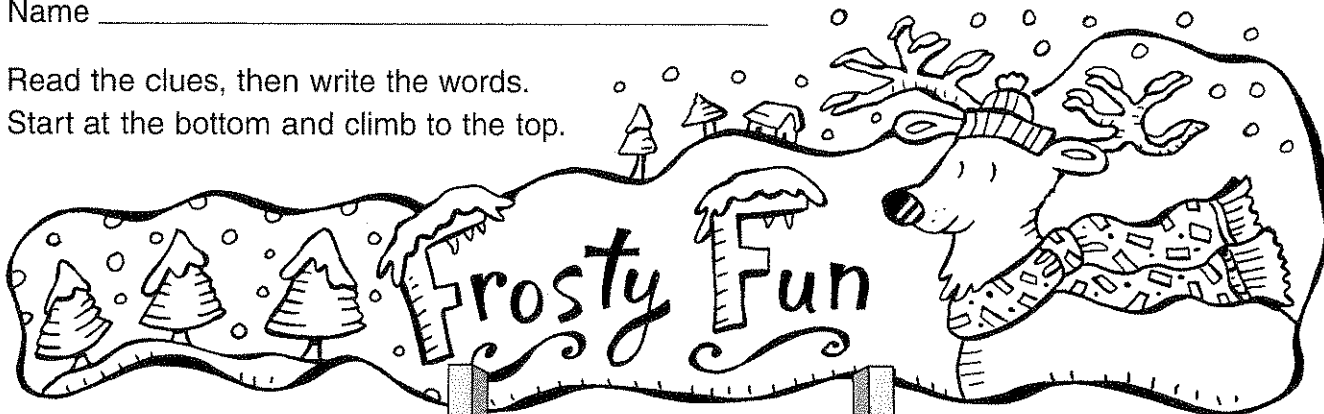
A place to live.  
**Change one letter.**

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m o u s e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



The coldest season of the year.  
**Add three letters.**

Opposite of lose.  
**Change one letter.**

One's family members.  
**Take away one letter.**

In fairy tales, this person is often ruler of a country.  
**Change one letter.**

A sound made by a small bell.  
**Add one letter.**

What you do with a shovel.  
**Change one letter.**

A pet that barks.  
**Change one letter.**

A small, round spot.  
**Change one letter.**

A word that makes a statement negative.  
**Change one letter.**

In the present time.  
**Take away one letter.**

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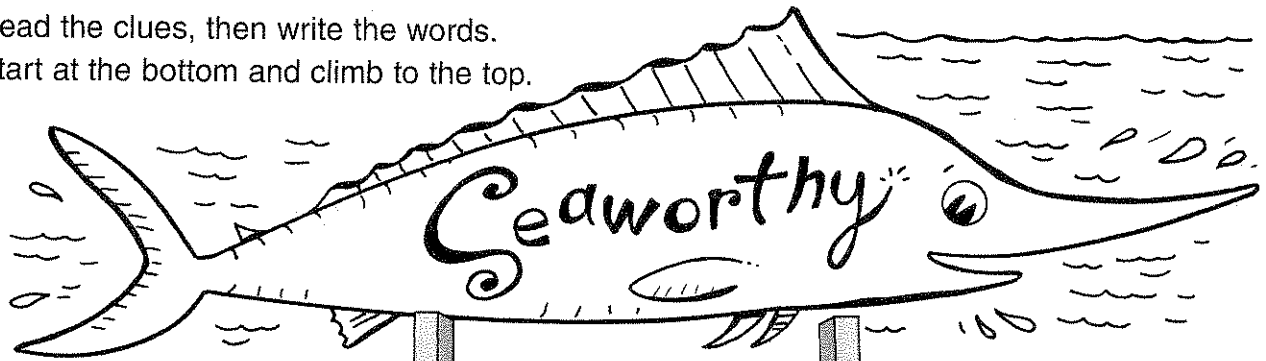
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Another word for ocean.  
**Take away one letter.**

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An ocean mammal  
with flippers.  
**Change one letter.**

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You sit on this.  
**Change one letter.**

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This makes something hot.  
**Take away one letter.**

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Body organ that  
pumps blood.  
**Change one letter.**

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Listened to something.  
**Change one letter.**

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Hair that grows on  
a man's face.  
**Add one letter.**

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A small ball that can  
go on a necklace.  
**Change one letter.**

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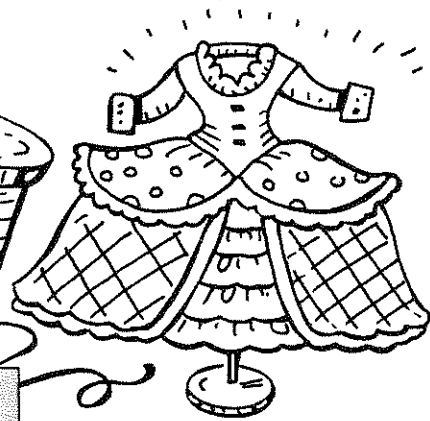
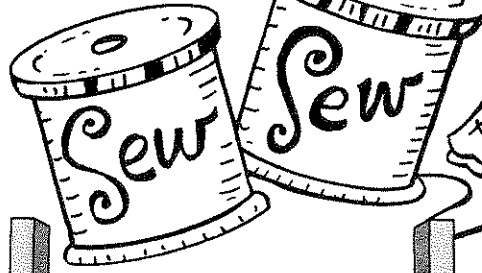
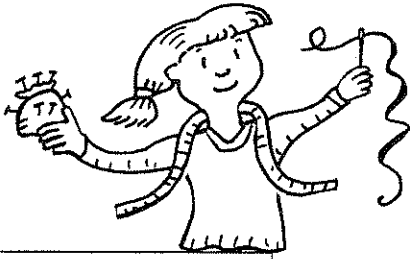
The edible seed of certain  
plants.  
**Take away the first two  
letters, then add one.**

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o c e a n

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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




What you do with a needle while sewing.  
**Add two letters at the beginning.**

This makes you want to scratch.  
**Take away one letter.**

A costume you might see on Halloween.  
**Add two letters.**

Cleverness or intelligence.  
**Take away one letter.**


What plants do without water.  
**Change one letter.**

 A short plaid skirt sometimes worn by Scotsmen.  
**Change one letter.**

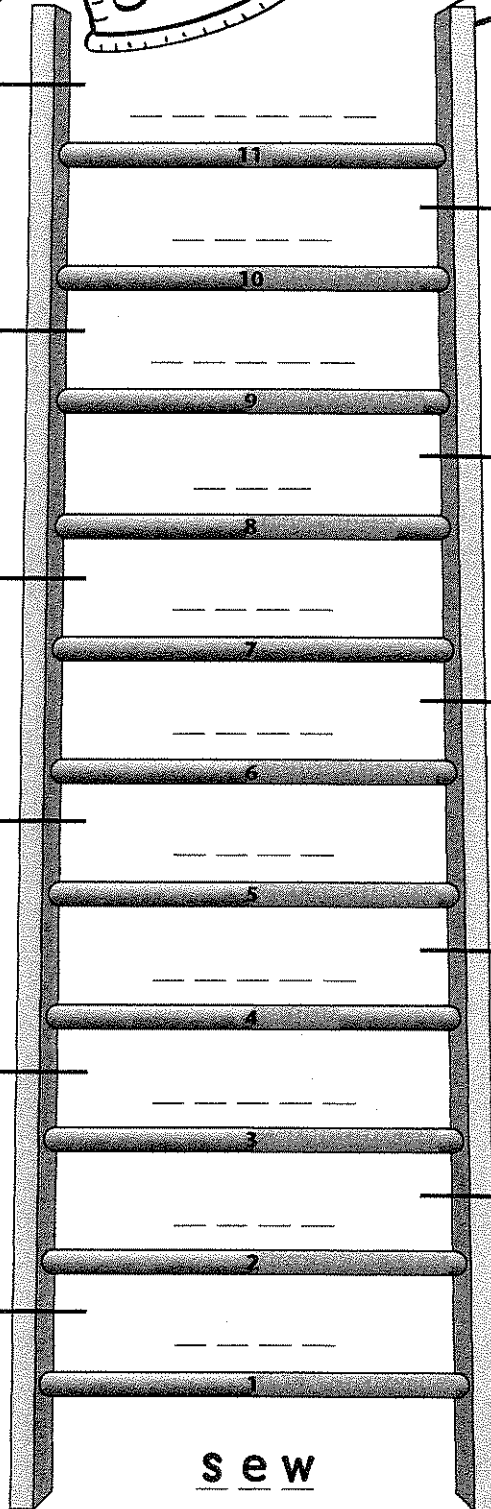
To end or destroy.  
**Take away one letter.**

Expert ability at doing something.  
**Change one letter.**

Quiet and unmoving.  
**Add one letter.**

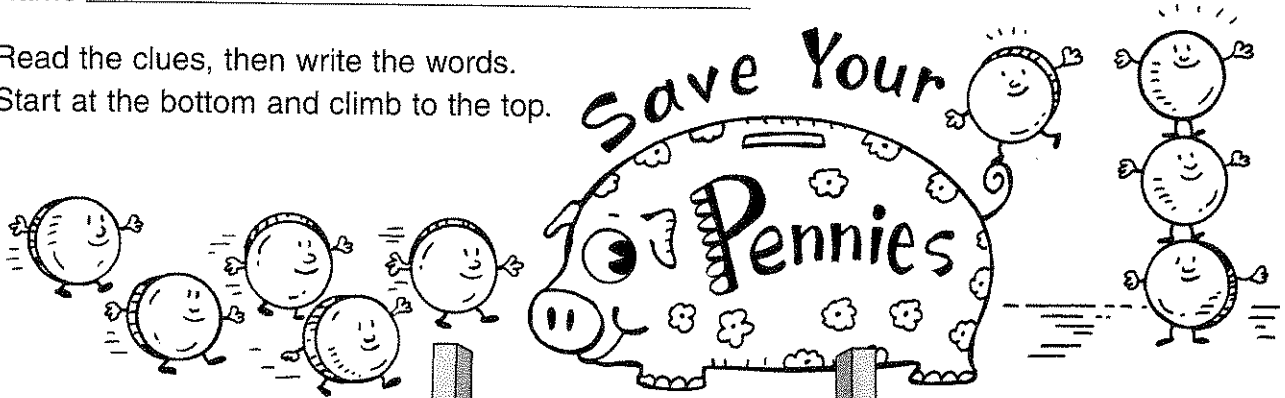
 Wood or stone that runs along the bottom of a door or window.  
**Change the vowel.**

What stores do with the things in them.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A homophone of the previous word. A penny is worth one \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

Caused something to go.  
**Change the last letter.**

To cause something to go somewhere.  
**Change one letter.**

You plant this in the ground.  
**Take away one letter.**

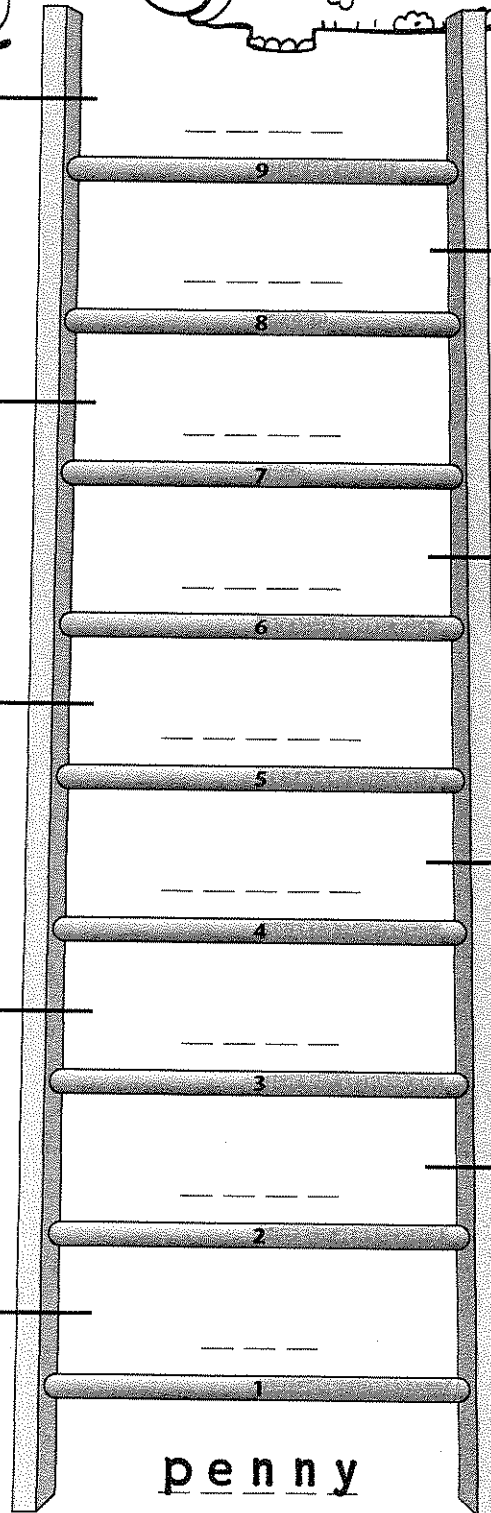
The rate at which something moves.  
**Change one letter.**

I hope to \_\_\_\_ no more than ten dollars at the movie.  
**Take away the first letter, then add two.**

Opposite of closed.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

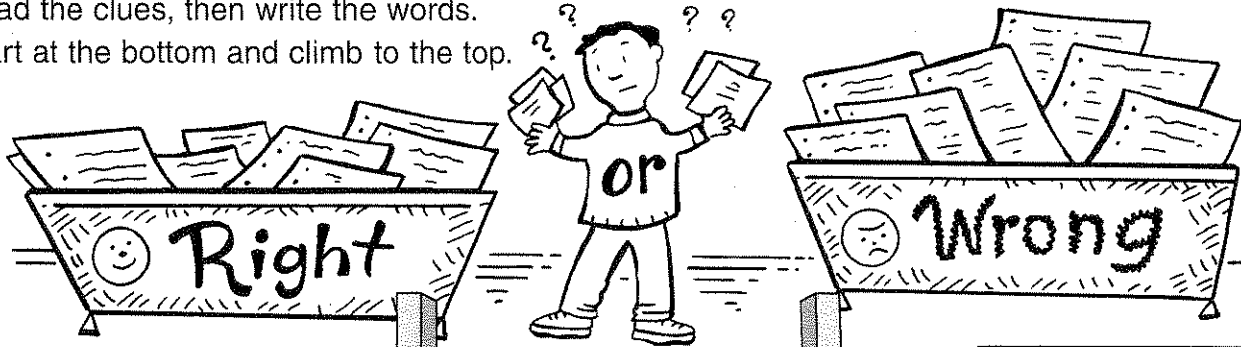
A slang word for *no*.  
**Add an *o*, then rearrange.**

An instrument for writing.  
**Take away two letters.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**t r u e**

The season before winter.  
**Change one letter.**

A meat that comes from pigs.  
**Change one letter.**

The center part of a wheel or circle.  
**Change the first letter.**

An association of people who have something in common.  
**Change one letter.**

A color.  
**Change the first two letters.**

Not true.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

A corridor or passageway in a building.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

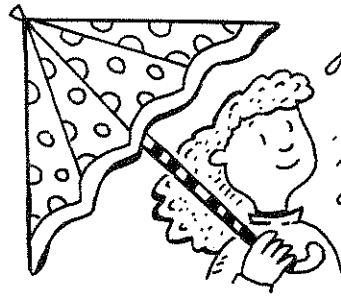
To sing a melody with your mouth closed  
**Change one letter.**

A young bear.  
**Take away one letter.**

A piece of evidence used to solve a mystery or problem.  
**Change one letter.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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




# rain


## Precipitation Puzzle

A large amount of vegetables or fruit raised by a farmer.  
**Change the first and third letters.**

A long piece of leather used to drive cattle or horses.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add two others.**

To make a song come out of one's mouth.  
**Take away two letters.**

 Thin piece of wood used to cover a roof.  
**Add two consonants.**

 A part of the leg below the knee.  
**Change one letter.**

A series of metal rings joined together.  
**Take away the first letter, then add two.**

Rain falls in \_\_\_\_s.  
**Change one letter.**

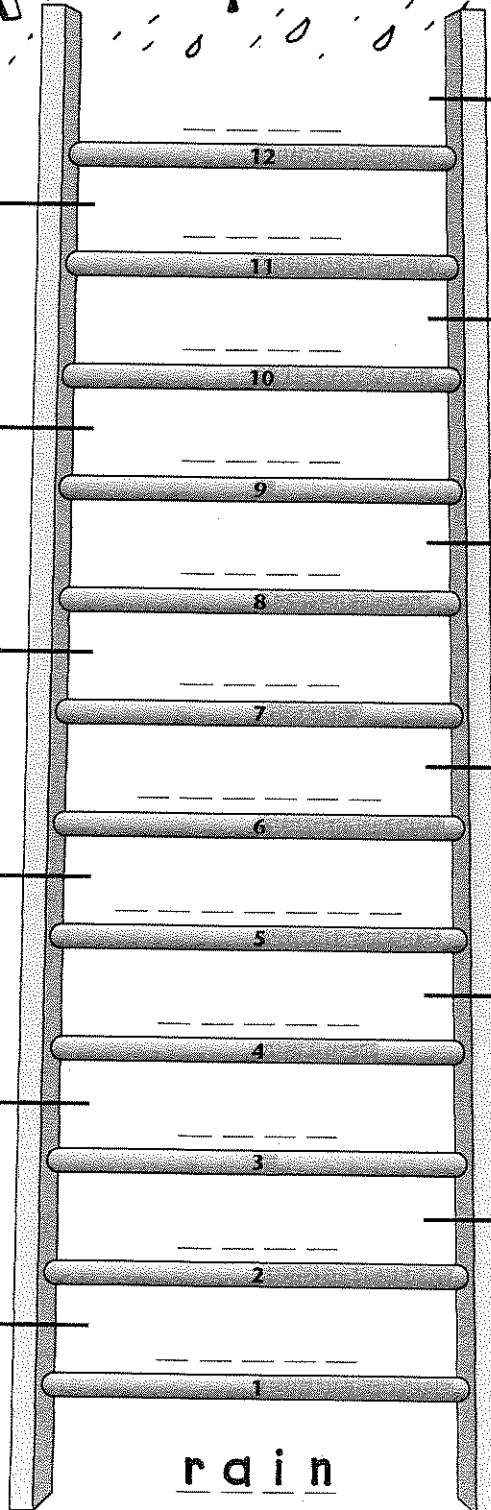
What you do to a present before you give it.  
**Change the two middle letters.**

A bird uses it for flying.  
**Change one letter.**

Not double, but \_\_\_\_.  
**Take away one letter.**

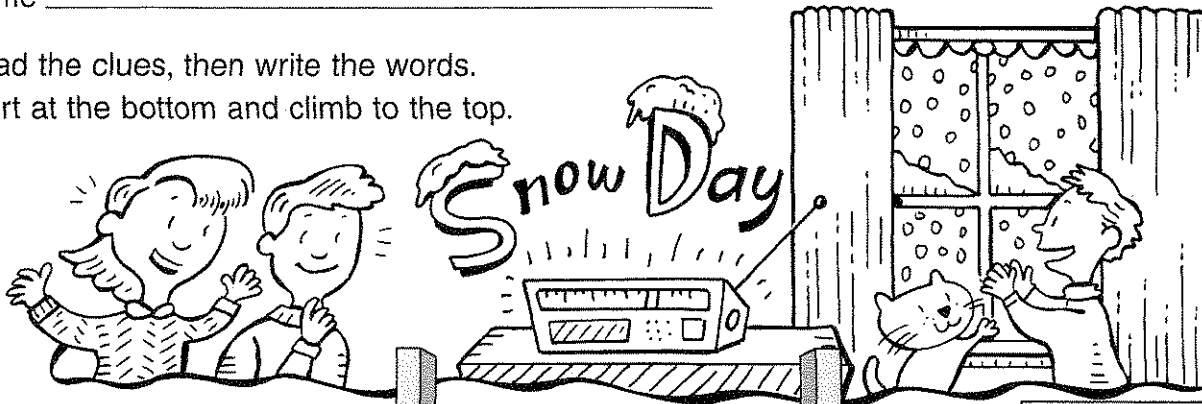
To polish or make something gleam.  
**Add one letter.**

A part of the face below the mouth.  
**Take away one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



In the present time.  
**Change one letter.**

To get larger.  
**Change the last two letters.**

A tiny hard particle, as in  
"a \_\_\_\_ of sand or wheat."  
**Add one letter.**

What a train rides on.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

A small four-legged reptile.  
**Take away two letters.**

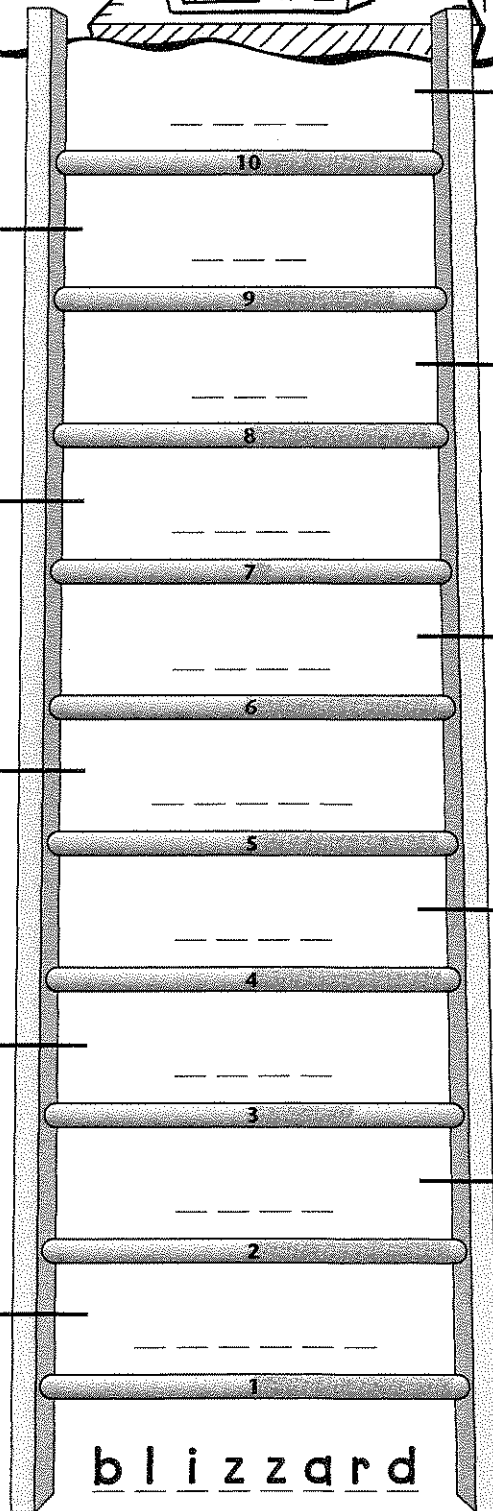
What can fall from  
the sky in winter.  
**Add one letter.**

A series of things in a  
straight line.  
**Take away one letter.**

A kind of smile.  
**Take away one letter.**

Precipitation.  
**Change one letter.**

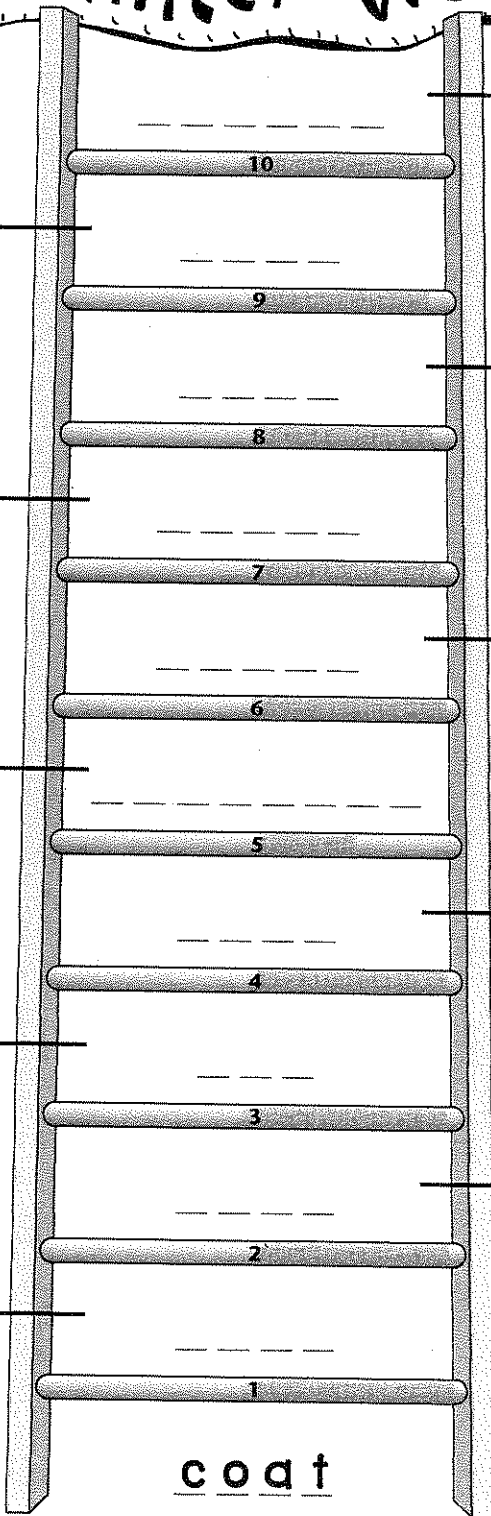
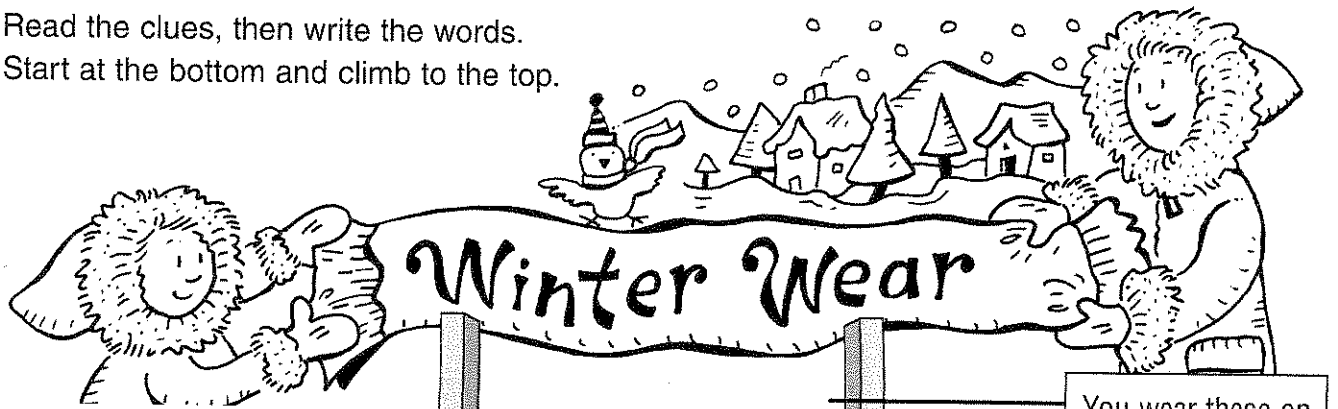
Someone who doesn't  
tell the truth.  
**Take away two letters.**





Name \_\_\_\_\_

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





Opposite of hate.  
**Change one letter.**

You wear these on  
your hands.  
**Add two letters.**

To be by oneself,  
without others.  
**Take away the first letter,  
then add a letter to the end.**

Only or single.  
**Take away one letter.**


 A male horse.  
**Add four letters  
to the beginning.**

 The claw of an eagle,  
hawk, or other bird of prey.  
**Take away two  
consonants and a vowel.**

You can cook or make  
machines run better  
with this.  
**Take away one letter.**

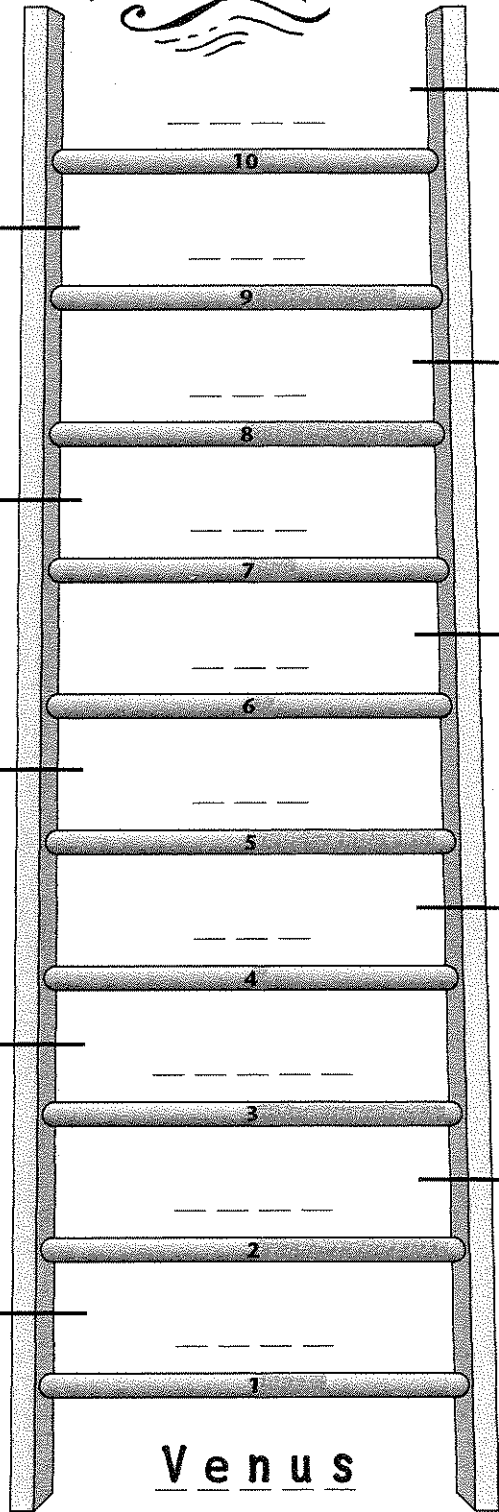
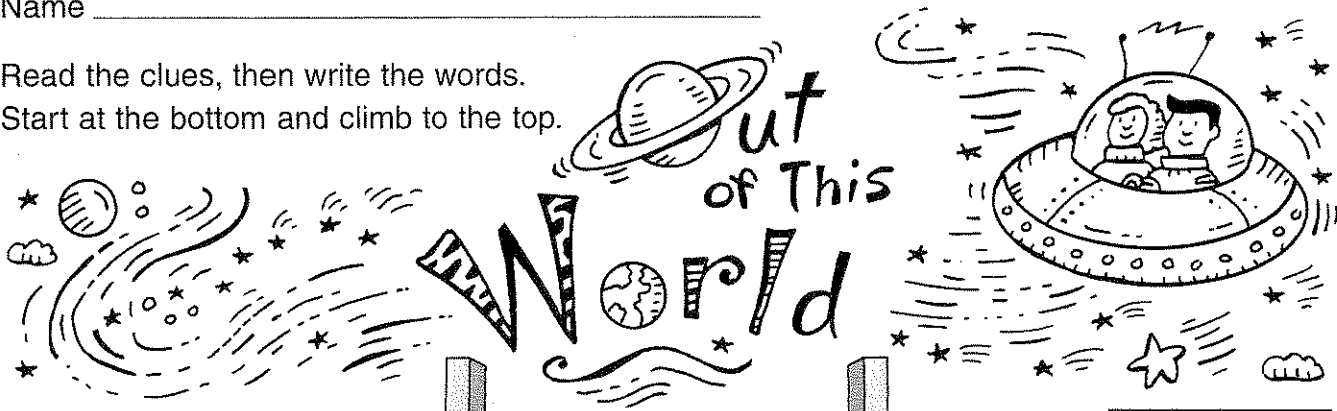
A large cat, called the  
king of beasts.  
**Add an *n*, then  
rearrange the letters.**

A black rock that  
produces heat.  
**Change one letter.**

 To wind something  
into rings.  
**Change one vowel.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



The red planet.  
**Add one letter.**

To hurt or deface something.  
**Change one letter.**

An automobile.  
**Change one letter.**

A metal container for food.  
**Change one letter.**

A male person.  
**Change one letter.**

More than one man.  
**Change one letter.**

A tool for writing.  
**Take away two letters.**

I \_\_\_ all my money  
at the carnival.  
**Add one letter.**

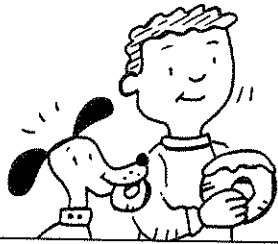
Made a person or thing  
go somewhere.  
**Change one letter.**

An opening for fumes  
or smoke to escape.  
**Take away the last two  
letters, then add one.**

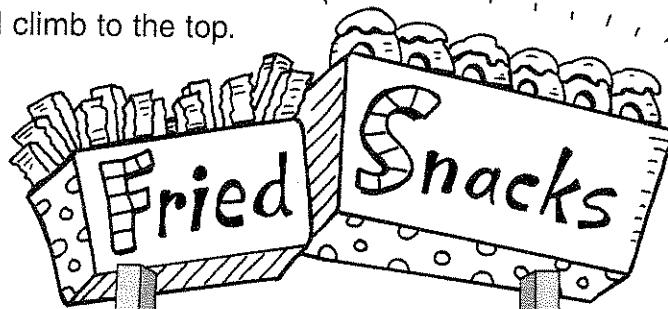
V e n u s

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



French \_\_\_\_\_.  
Take away two letters,  
then add one.



Costs nothing.  
Add one letter.

An amount paid for a service.  
Take away two letters.

Less than something else.  
Change one letter.

More new than  
something else.  
Rearrange the letters.

To restore or make  
like new again.  
Add an *e*, then  
rearrange the letters.

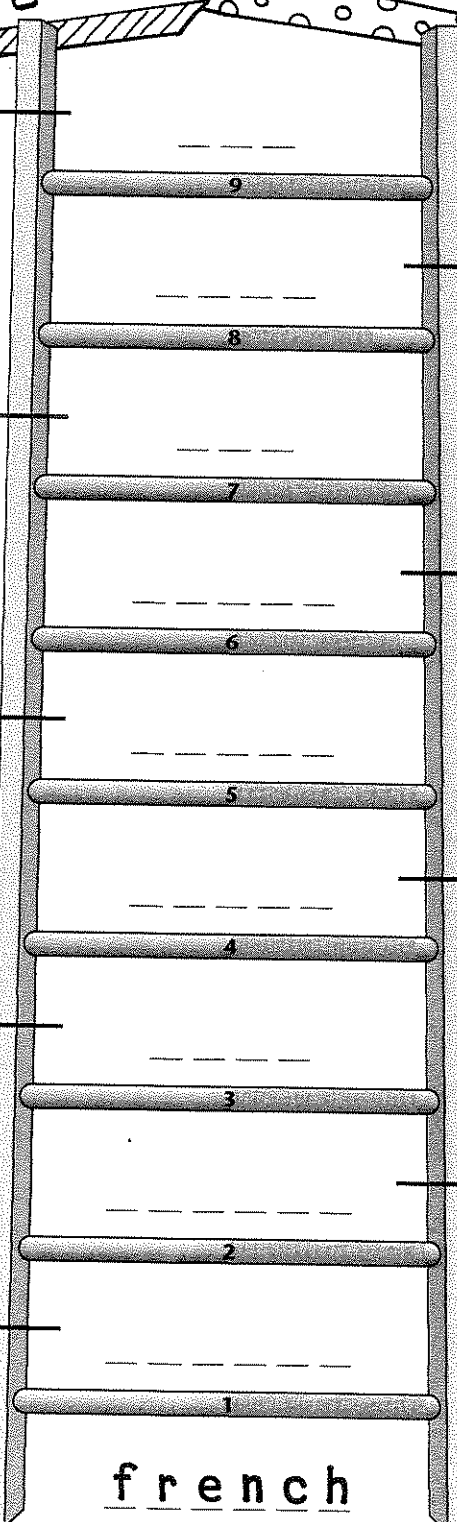


A small singing bird.  
Take away two letters.

A tool with jaws  
for tightening and  
loosening nuts.  
Change one letter.

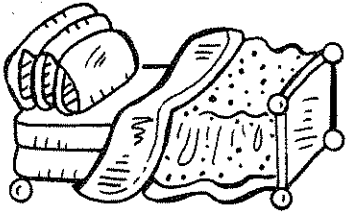
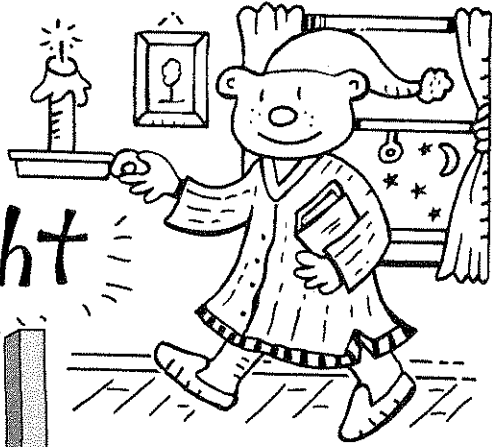


A long narrow ditch.  
Change one letter.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Candlelight

What is made by a lit candle.  
**Change one letter.**

The cost of traveling on a bus, plane, or subway.  
**Change one letter.**

To give to others some of what you have.  
**Change one letter.**

Not soft.  
**Change one letter.**

The part of an object that you hold.  
**Change one letter.**

To shine with a sudden light.  
**Add one letter after the f.**

Another name for a rabbit.  
**Take away one letter.**

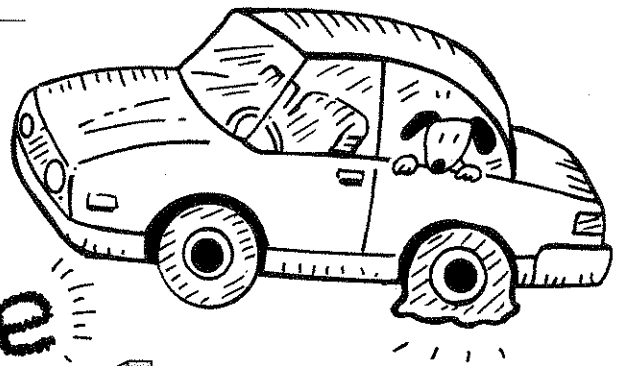
A small piece or part of something, like a piece of glass.  
**Add one letter to the beginning.**

What's attached to the end of your arm.  
**Take away two letters.**

c a n d l e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Car Trouble

A part of a car that often goes flat.  
**Change one letter.**

Hours, minutes, and seconds are measures of this.  
**Change one letter.**

Squares made of clay or stone for floors or walls.  
**Change the second letter.**

A hard tablet used for writing on with chalk.  
**Add one letter.**

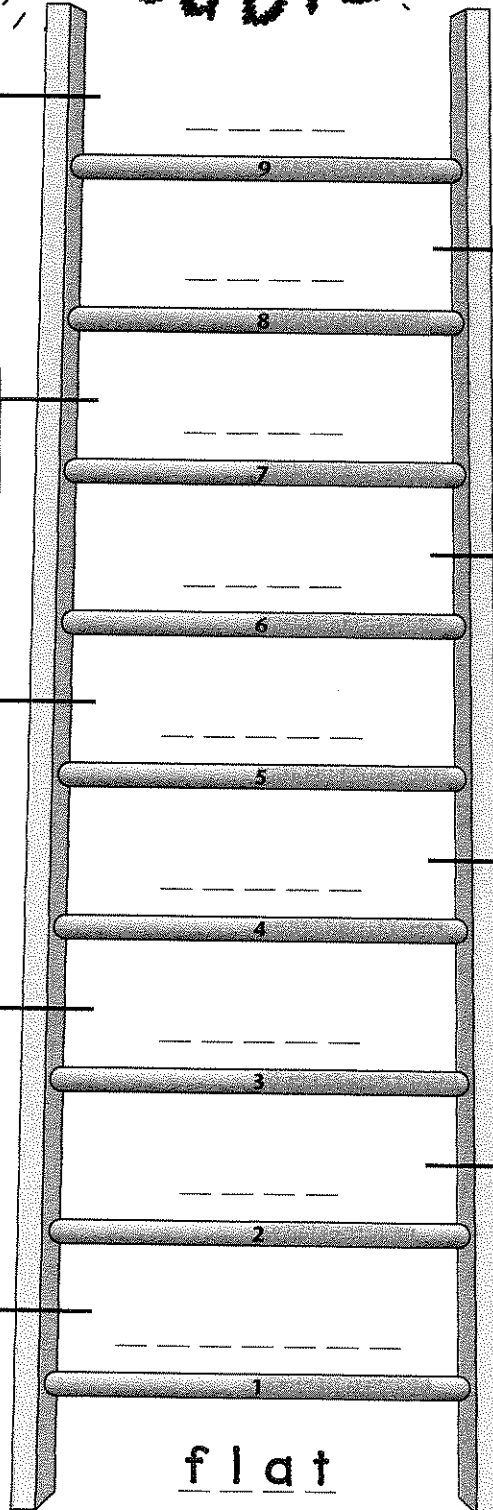
To fill with air.  
**Add three letters (two at the beginning, one at the end).**

The daily movement of the ocean.  
**Change one letter.**

Only one of the previous word.  
**Take away one letter.**

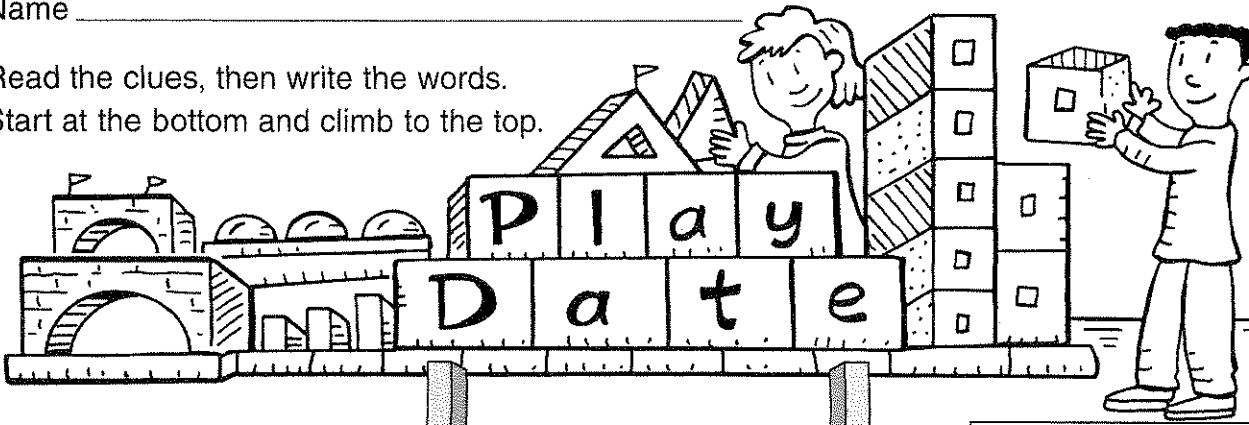
Stories.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

Not early.  
**Take away three letters.**




Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



To make music with your lips closed.  
**Take away three letters.**

A low, heavy, rolling sound.  
**Change one letter.**


 A leisurely walk.  
**Add one letter after the a.**


A building where horses and sheep are housed.  
**Change one letter.**

Another word for dishes.  
**Take away one letter, then add two more.**

Something you make to help you reach a goal.  
**Change one letter.**

Another word for friend or pal.  
**Add one letter.**

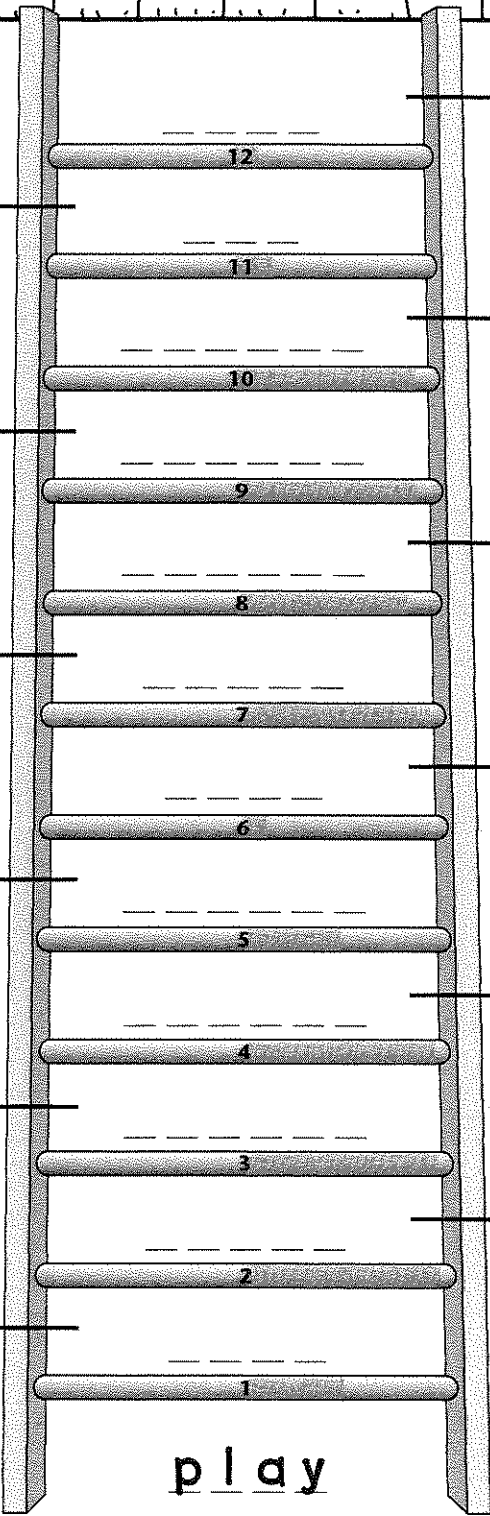
 Not proud. Modest.  
**Change the first letter.**

 To go for a long walk without direction.  
**Add one letter to the beginning.**

If you're \_\_\_\_ to do something, you can do it.  
**Take away two letters.**

Use this to hold papers together.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

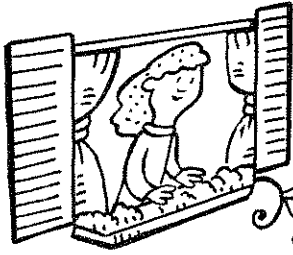
Short for *airplane*.  
**Add one letter.**



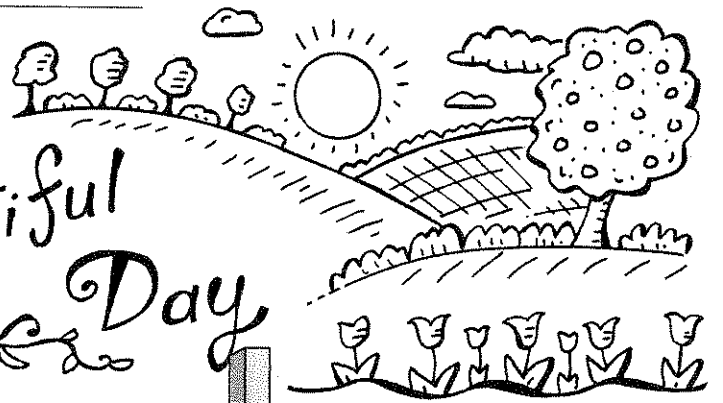
play

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Beautiful Day



When you look up outside, you see this.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Tricky, as in "\_\_\_ as a fox."  
**Change the first letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

A common insect.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Moved through the air.  
**Change the last letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

A tiny insect.  
**Change the last letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

To run away from danger.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Another word for happiness or joy.  
**Change one vowel.**

\_\_\_\_\_

A substance used for holding things together.  
**Change one letter.**

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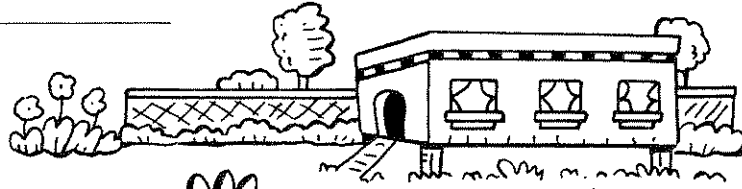
A piece of evidence that helps solve a problem.  
**Change one letter.**

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b l u e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Ruling the Roost

A common type of fowl.  
**Add two letters.**

A baby chicken.  
**Take away the last letter, then add three more.**

To smack something.  
**Change one letter.**

You wear this on your head.  
**Change the first letter.**

An animal that has kittens.  
**Take away one letter.**

What goes on your leg if you break it.  
**Take away one letter.**

To roll down a hill on a bike without peddling.  
**Change one letter.**

Bread put in a toaster.  
**Change one letter.**

A way to cook meat in an oven.  
**Change one letter.**

The place where chickens and roosters live.  
**Take away two letters.**

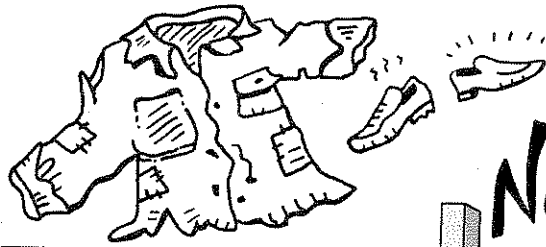
**r o o s t e r**





Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# New and Not-So-New



Opposite of new.  
**Take away one letter,  
then add one.**

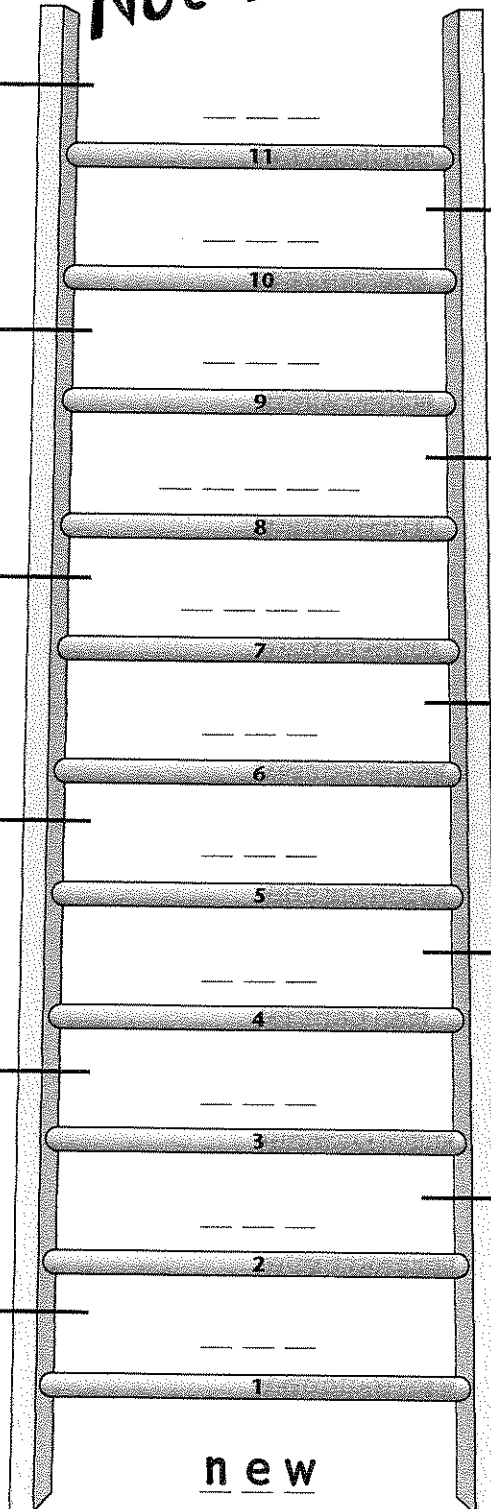
To possess or have  
something.  
**Take away two letters.**

To exhibit something  
to others.  
**Add one letter.**

In the present.  
**Change one letter.**

To fasten material with  
needle and thread.  
**Change one letter.**


Not many.  
**Change one letter.**




A bird of prey active  
at night.  
**Change one letter.**

To have exhibited  
something to others  
in the past.  
**Add one letter.**

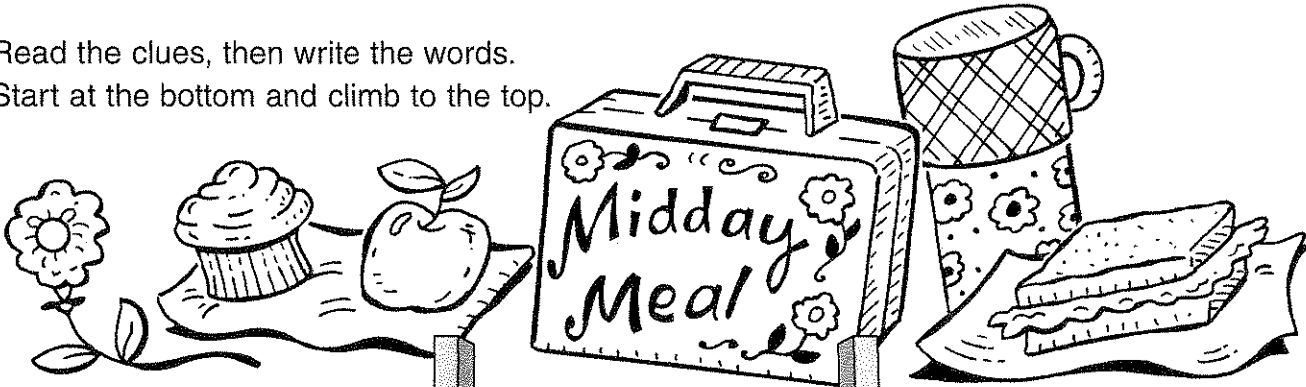
\_\_\_ are you?  
**Change the first letter.**

 An adult female pig.  
**Change the middle  
letter.**

 Moisture on grass early  
in the morning.  
**Change one letter.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Another word for dinner.  
**Change one letter.**

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Someone who sips.  
**Add three letters.**

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To drink in small amounts.  
**Change one letter.**

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A liquid that comes from a tree.  
**Change one letter.**

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6

To speak.  
**Change one letter.**

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5

Opposite of night.  
**Change one letter.**


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Not wet.  
**Take away four letters.**

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Where you put dirty clothes.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add three.**

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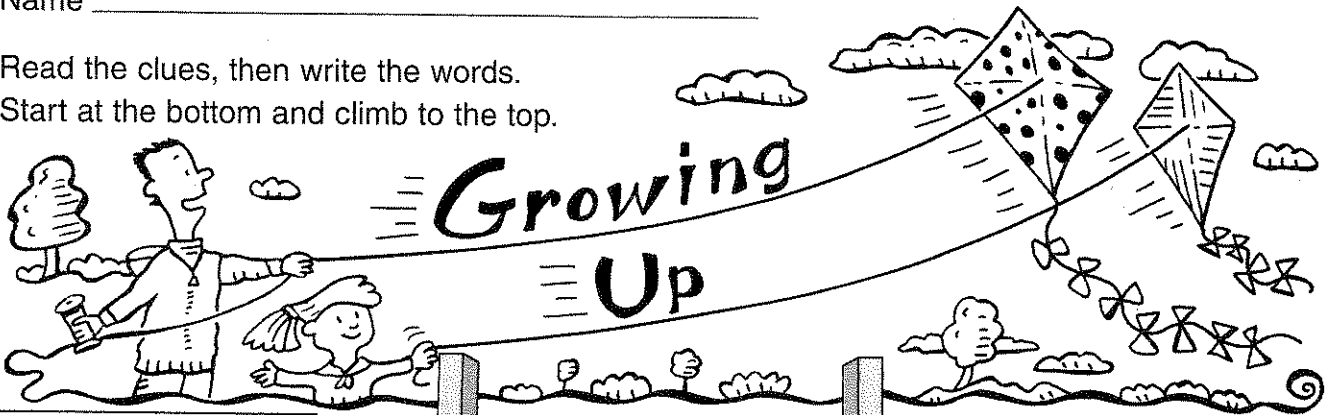
 What you do to send a rocket into space.  
**Add one vowel.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Opposite of short.  
Take away two letters.

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To fit with a group.  
Take away the last letter,  
then add two.

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8

Under or beneath.  
Add one letter.

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7

What winds do.  
Change one letter.

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6



A farm tool for turning  
over soil.  
Change one letter.

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5

Not fast.  
Change one letter.

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To exhibit something  
for others.  
Change one letter.

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You wear this on your foot.  
Take away one letter.

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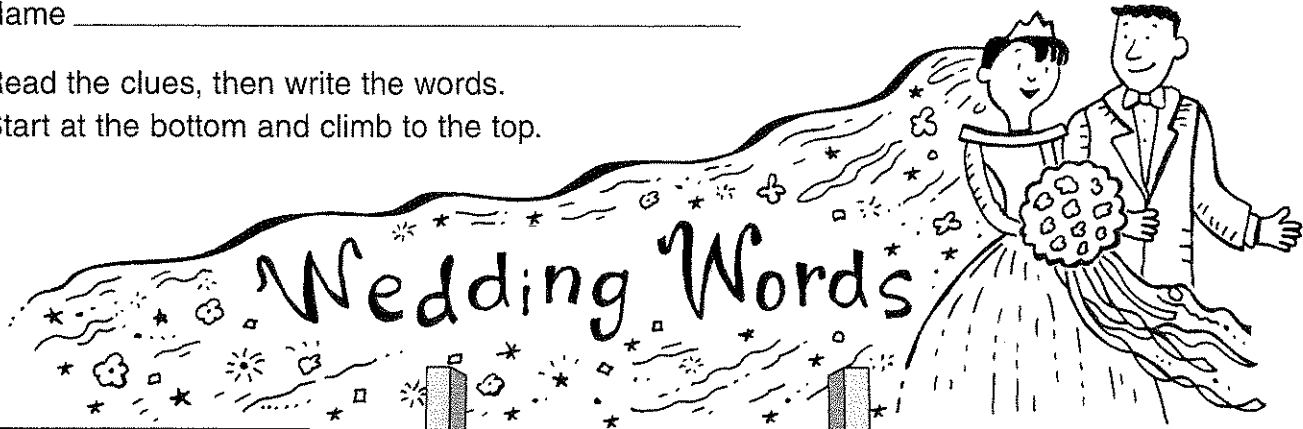
Where the sea meets  
the land.  
Change one letter.

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s h o r t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



The partner of a bride.  
**Add one letter.**

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A section of a house  
or building.  
**Change one letter.**

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8

To go from place to place.  
To wander.  
**Change one letter.**

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7

Another word for  
street or path.  
**Take away one letter,  
then add one.**

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6

To have ridden on something.  
**Add one letter.**

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A long, thin stick.  
**Change the vowel.**

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4

To remove something, as  
in "Get \_\_\_\_ of that junk."  
**Take away one letter.**

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To travel on an animal  
or in a vehicle.  
**Take away two  
letters.**

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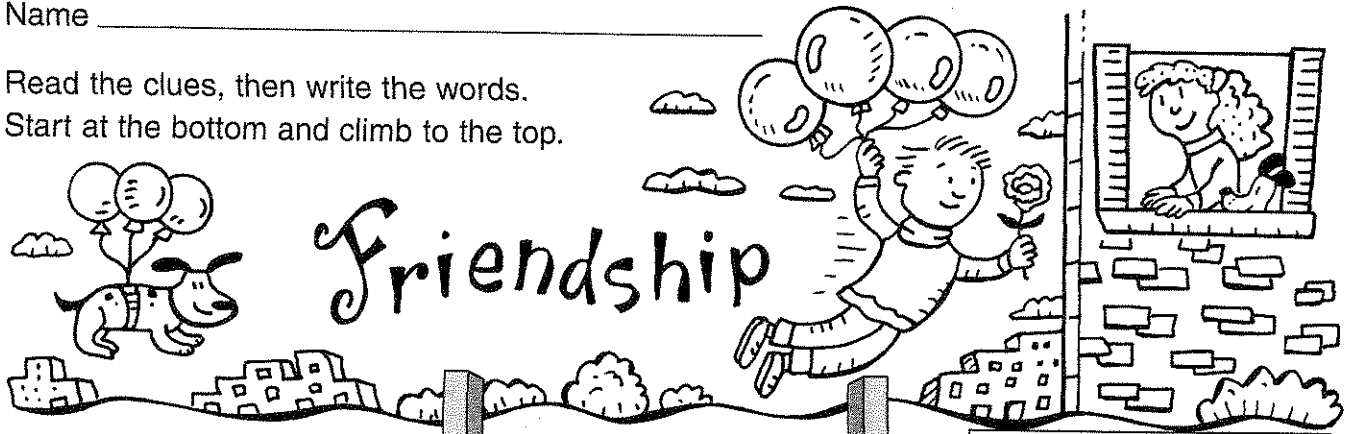
To walk, taking large steps.  
**Take away the first letter,  
then add two.**

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b r i d e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Friendship

Short for *parachute*.  
Add one letter.

Another name for a friend.  
Take away two letters,  
then add one.

To use a sharp tool to divide  
or shape something.  
Change one letter.

Attractive or pretty.  
Add one letter.

A wager or guess about  
future events.  
Change one letter.

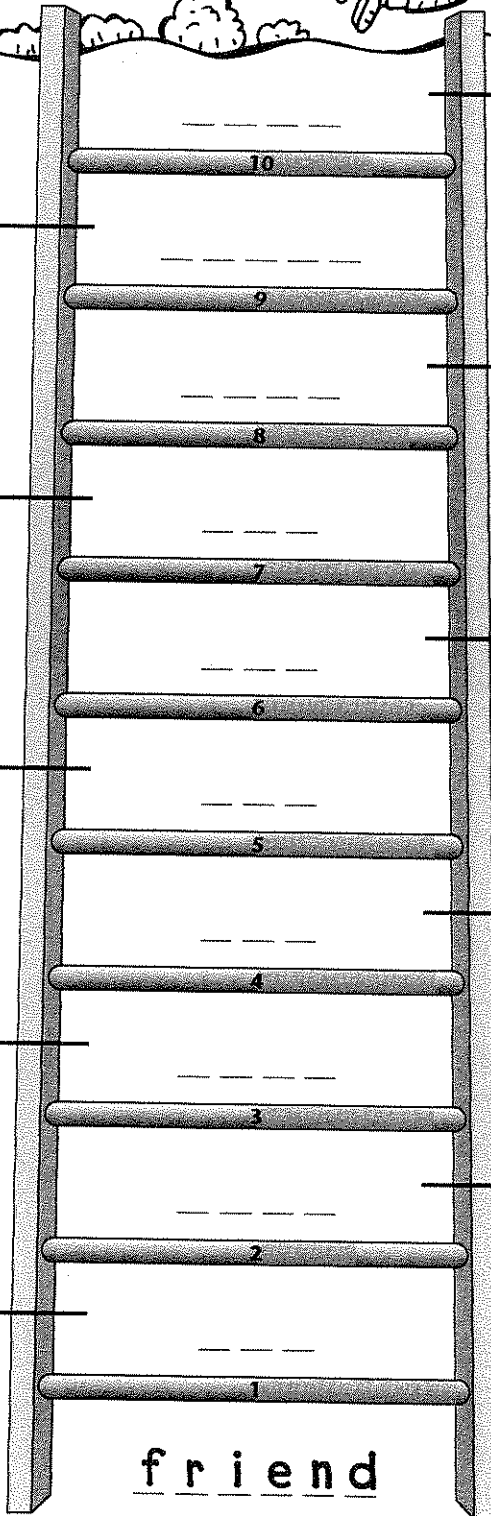
I like ice cream, \_\_\_ not  
candy.  
Change one letter.

The teacher \_\_\_ us to  
the principal's office.  
Change one letter.

Ready, \_\_\_\_, go.  
Take away one letter.

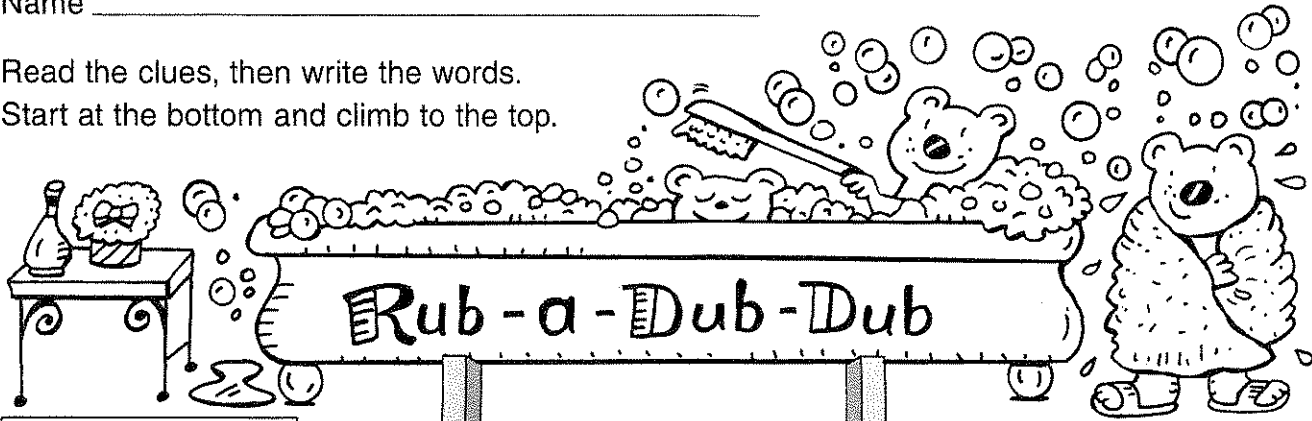
Finish.  
Take away three letters.

To cause someone or  
something to go somewhere.  
Add one letter.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A place to scrub and clean yourself.  
**Change one letter.**

Two of something.  
**Take away one letter.**

The liquid part of soup.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

To pulsate or beat strongly.  
**Add two letters to the beginning.**

To steal.  
**Change one letter.**

The middle of an ear of corn.  
**Take away the two middle letters, then add one.**

A bed for a small child or baby.  
**Add one letter.**

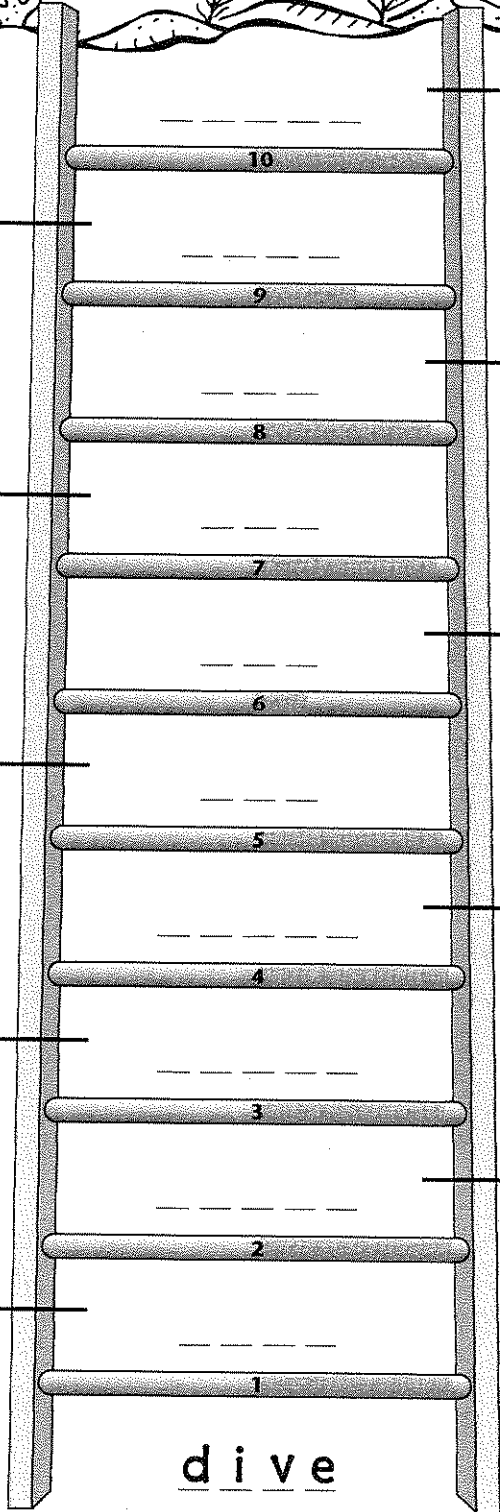
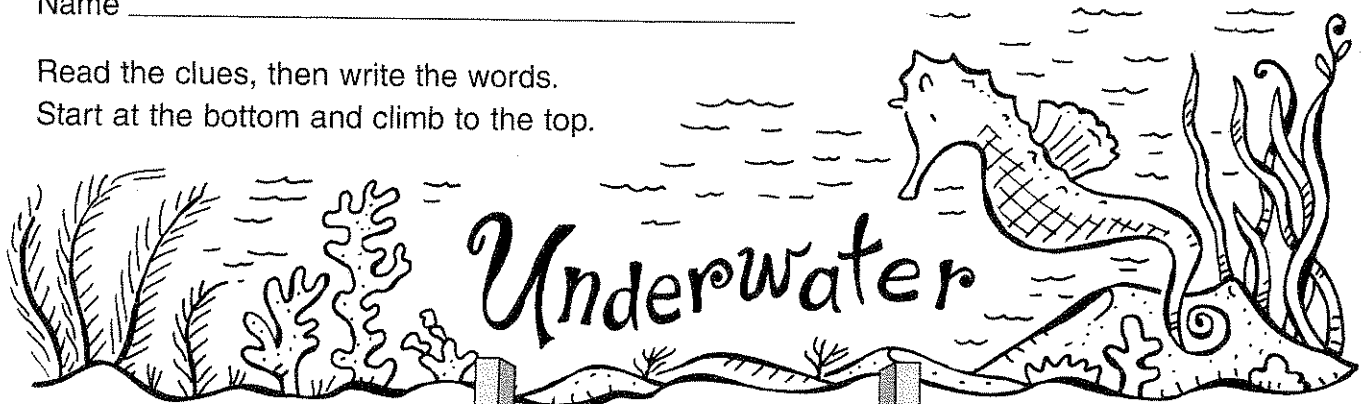
A bone in the chest.  
**Change one letter.**

If you're sore, it feels good if someone \_\_\_\_\_s your muscles.  
**Take away two letters.**

s c r u b

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A country that is an island off the coast of Florida.  
**Add one letter.**

The gear divers use.  
**Add one letter.**

Center part of a wheel.  
**Change the last letter.**

A baby bear.  
**Change one letter.**

A meat that comes from a pig.  
**Take away two letters.**

Musical sound made with the lips closed.  
**Change one letter.**

Short for *chimpanzee*.  
**Change one letter.**

Short for *champion*.  
**Change one letter.**

Another name for a ten-cent coin.  
**Change one letter.**

A musical instrument that works when wind blows it.  
**Take away the first letter, then add two.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the clues, then write the words.  
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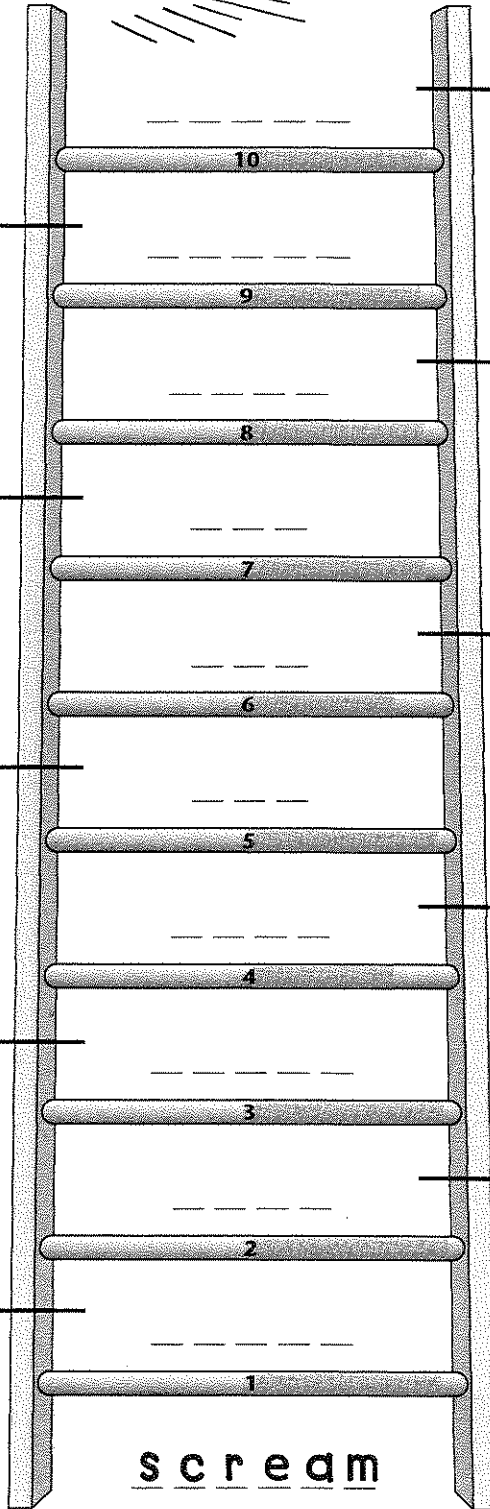
A freshwater fish that's good to eat.  
**Add one letter.**

To decay or decompose.  
**Change one letter.**

A male sheep.  
**Take away one letter.**

A painful contraction of a muscle.  
**Add one letter.**

The thickest, richest part of milk.  
**Take away one letter.**



To call out in a loud voice.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add two.**



Between a walk and a run.  
**Add one letter.**

A rodent bigger than a mouse.  
**Change one letter.**

A sloping passageway that links two levels.  
**Take away one letter.**

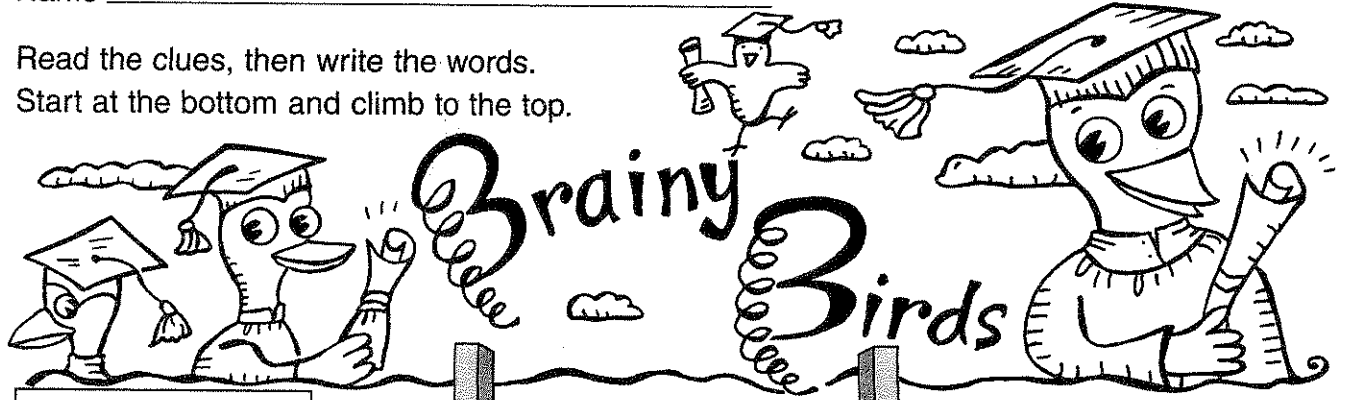


To pack something tightly.  
**Take away one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Another bird of prey.  
**Change one letter.**

Short for *Henry*.  
**Change one letter.**

A part of an object that  
you hold.  
**Change one letter.**

A package or a group  
of related things.  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of horn or trumpet  
used in the army.  
**Change the first vowel,  
then rearrange the letters.**

A small hound dog with  
long ears.  
**Add one letter.**

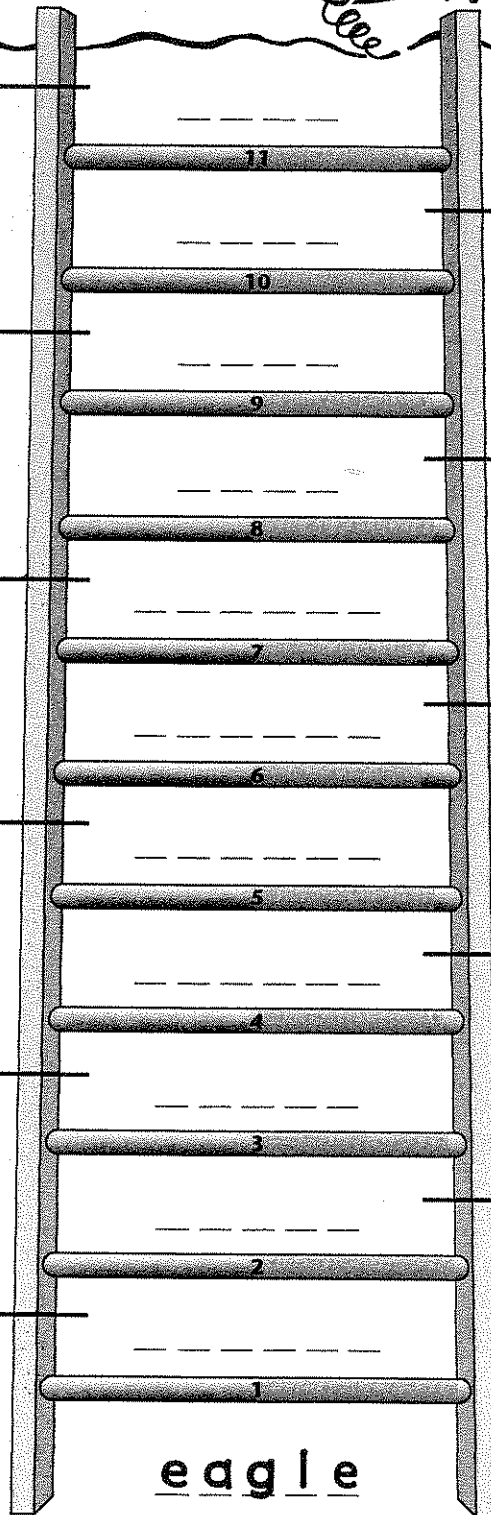
Another word for  
*cough*.  
**Change one letter.**

This has five fingers.  
**Take away two letters.**

Something made of wax  
that you can light.  
**Change the first two letters.**

To mishandle or  
botch things up.  
**Add one letter  
after the *v*.**

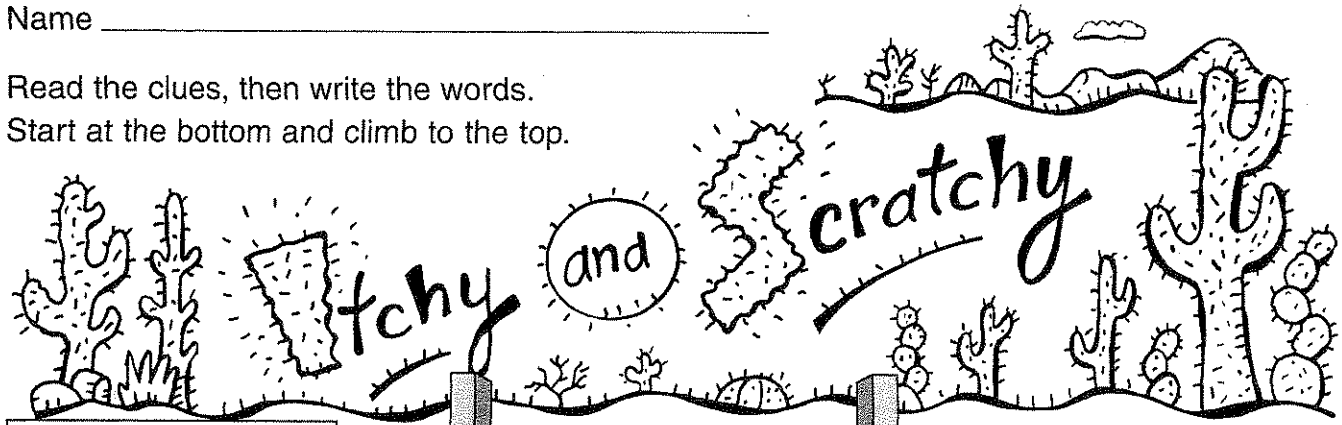
A round, chewy bread  
with a hole in the middle.  
**Take away a vowel, then  
rearrange the letters.**



e a g l e


Name \_\_\_\_\_


Read the clues, then write the words.  
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What you do to an itch.  
**Add two letters.**

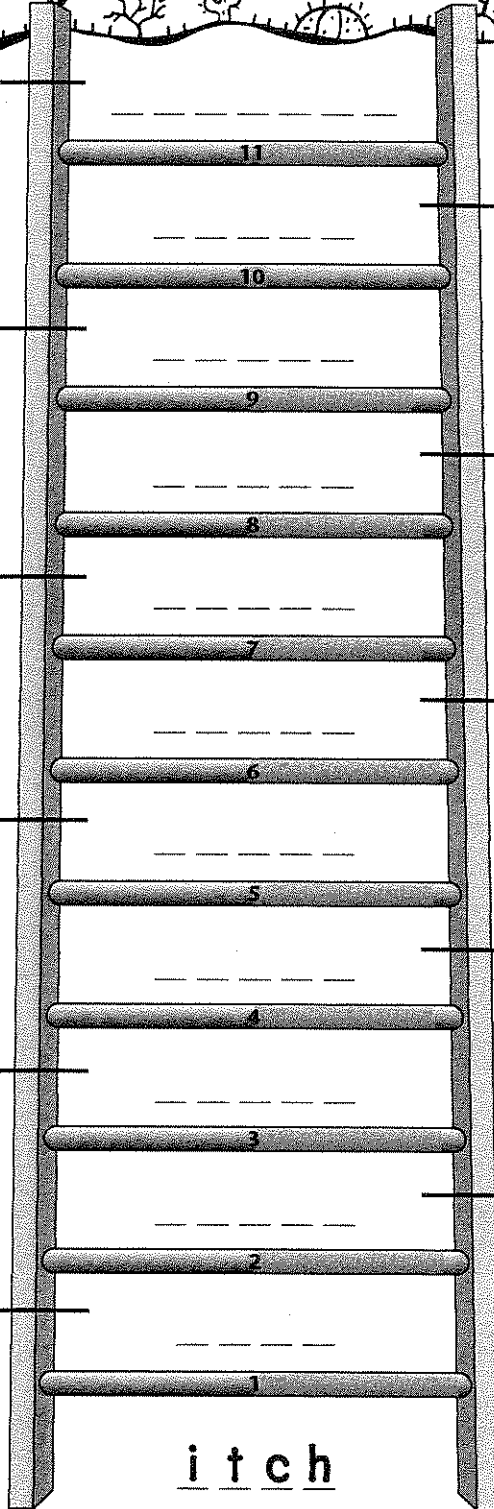
To cover a hole in clothes.  
**Change one letter.**

 What cowboys do to horses to keep them in one place.  
**Change the vowel.**

 A guess.  
**Change the first letter.**


Boxers do this.  
**Change one letter.**

Twelve of these make a foot.  
**Change one letter.**



To grab a ball as it flies through the air.  
**Change one letter.**

To throw a baseball to a batter.  
**Change one letter.**

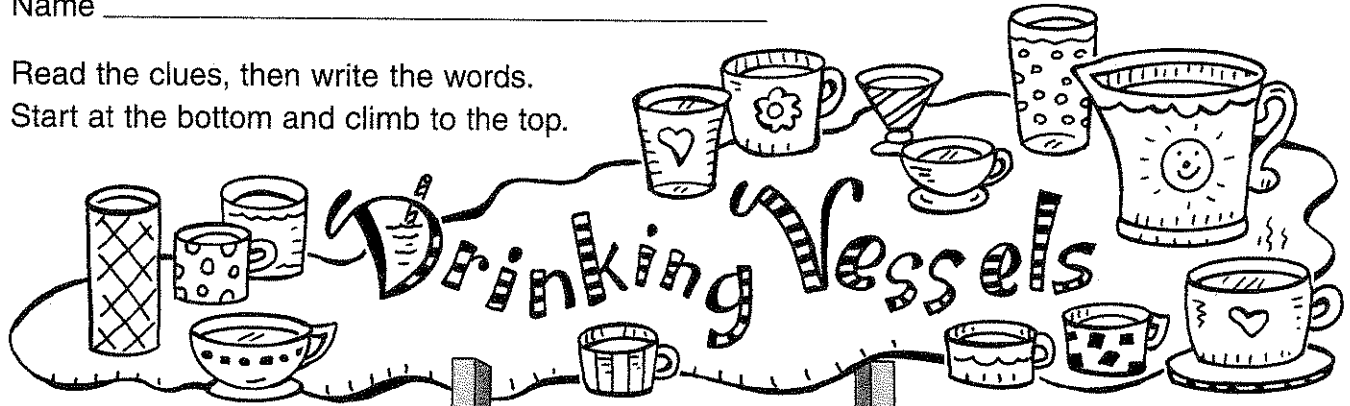
 A pen to keep rabbits in.  
**Replace the n.**

Noontime meal.  
**Change one letter.**

To hurt by squeezing your skin.  
**Add one letter.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A ladder with 12 rungs, numbered 1 to 12 from bottom to top. The word "glass" is written at the base of the ladder. Clues are provided for each rung, with lines connecting them to the rungs. A star icon is next to the clue for rung 11.

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1 \_\_\_\_\_

**glass**

Something to drink from.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

A device that raises or moves fluids.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add one.**

To slouch or droop.  
**Take away the first letter, then add two.**

To leap into the air.  
**Change the middle two letters.**

The sound a car horn makes.  
**Change the last two letters.**

A vehicle that is used in the army.  
**Change one letter.**

A large, furry mammal.  
**Change one letter.**

A baking ingredient that makes bread rise.  
**Change one letter.**

Opposite of first.  
**Change one letter.**

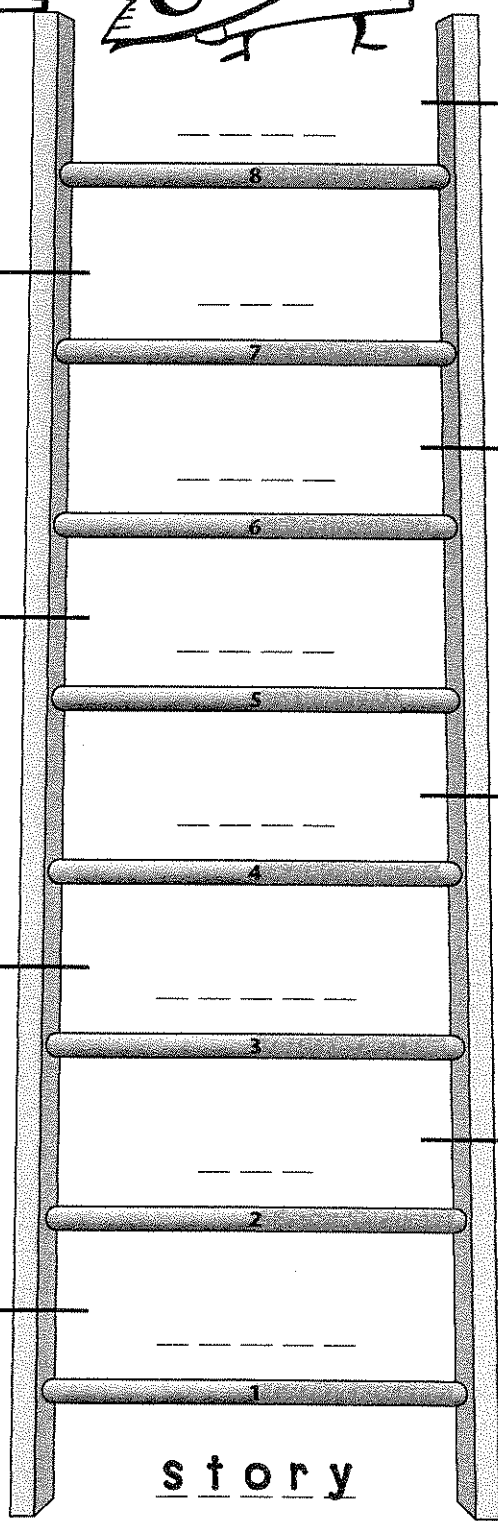
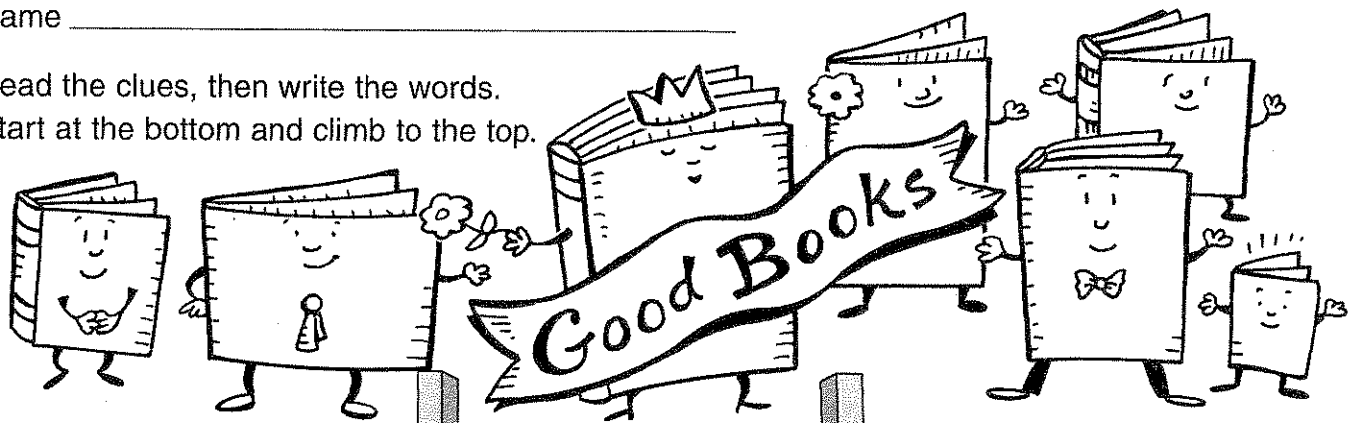
A word meaning *girl*.  
**Take away one letter.**

365 days.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

The smallest amount.  
**Add one letter.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



What ghosts say.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

To make someone tired by being dull.  
**Change one letter.**


A job around the house.  
**Add two letters.**

A place to shop.  
**Change one letter.**

Something found in a library.  
**Add one letter.**

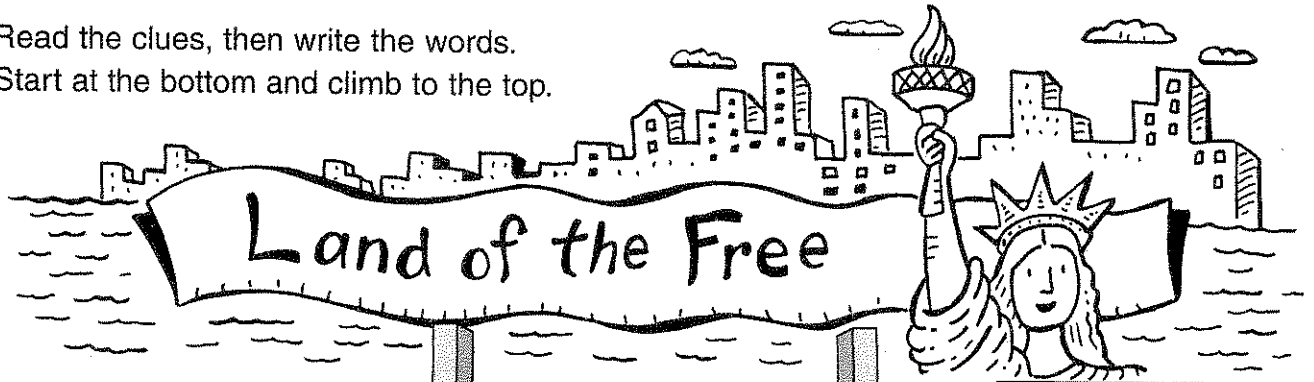
Something dogs like to bury.  
**Change one letter.**

The center of an apple.  
**Take away one letter.**

 A mineral from which metal can be mined.  
**Take away two letters.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_


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



Released from captivity.  
**Add one letter.**

The right to do and say what you like.  
**Add two letters.**

What is done with a book.  
**Add one letter.**


 Tall grass that grows near water.  
**Change one vowel.**

To remove something unwanted. Let's get \_\_\_ of this junk.  
**Take away one letter.**

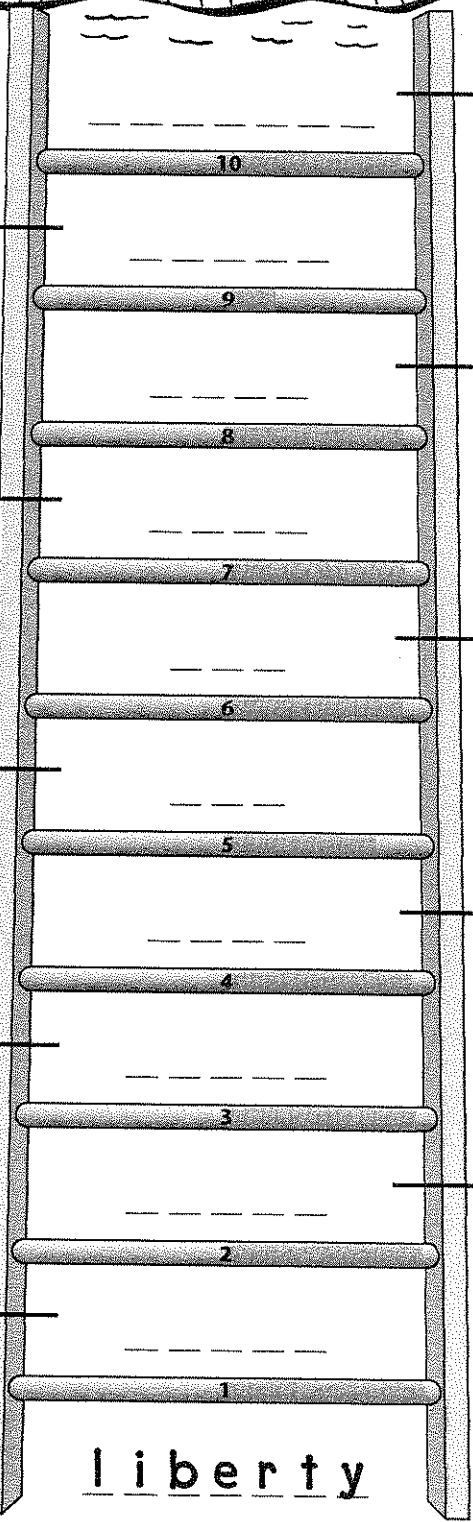
A color.  
**Change one letter.**

A feeling of satisfaction, as in "taking \_\_\_ in your work."  
**Change one letter.**

To move in a vehicle.  
**Take away one letter.**

 People who share the same ancestors, customs, or laws.  
**Take away the first and last letters, rearrange the rest.**

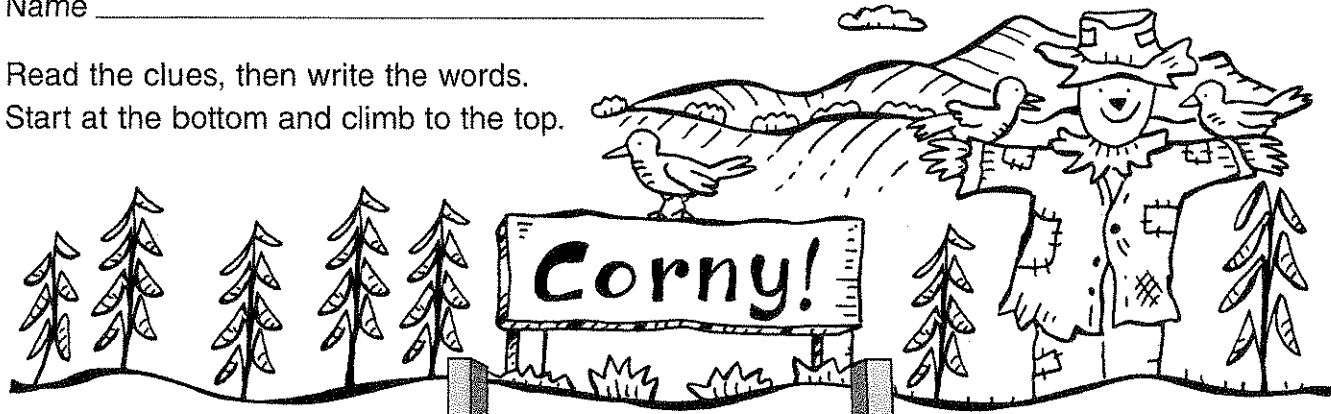
\_\_\_ and groom.  
**Change the first letter, then rearrange.**



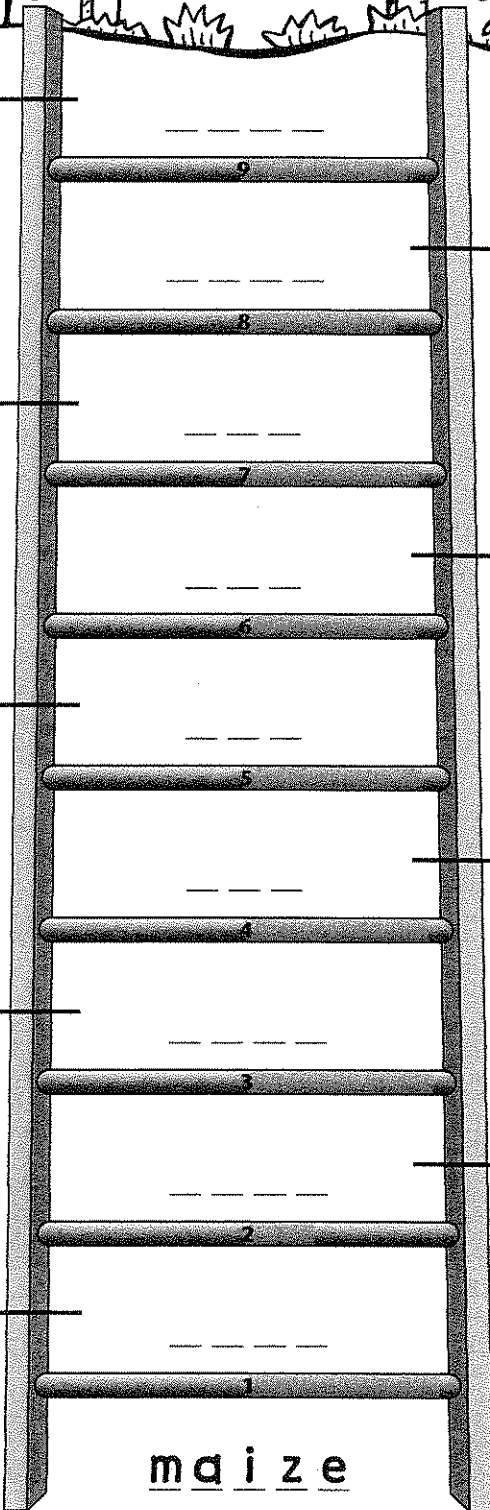
l i b e r t y

Name \_\_\_\_\_


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



Another name for maize.  
**Change one letter.**




A small piece of metal  
used as money.  
**Add one letter.**

 To swindle or trick someone.  
**Change the last letter.**

The center of an ear of corn.  
**Change one letter.**

The work someone  
does for a living.  
**Change one letter.**

To poke.  
Take away the last  
two letters, then  
add one.

 A green gemstone.  
**Change one letter.**

Produced or created.  
**Change one letter.**

A path or route that is  
confusing or difficult  
to follow.  
**Take away one letter.**

m a i z e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# School Days

Where you live.  
**Change one letter.**

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An opening in something.  
**Change one letter.**

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To carry or support something.  
**Change one letter.**

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7

Exchanged something for money.  
**Take away one letter.**

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To criticize.  
**Add one letter.**

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Opposite of hot.  
**Change one letter.**

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A popular soft drink flavor.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

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A black rock-like substance that can be burned.  
**Change one letter.**

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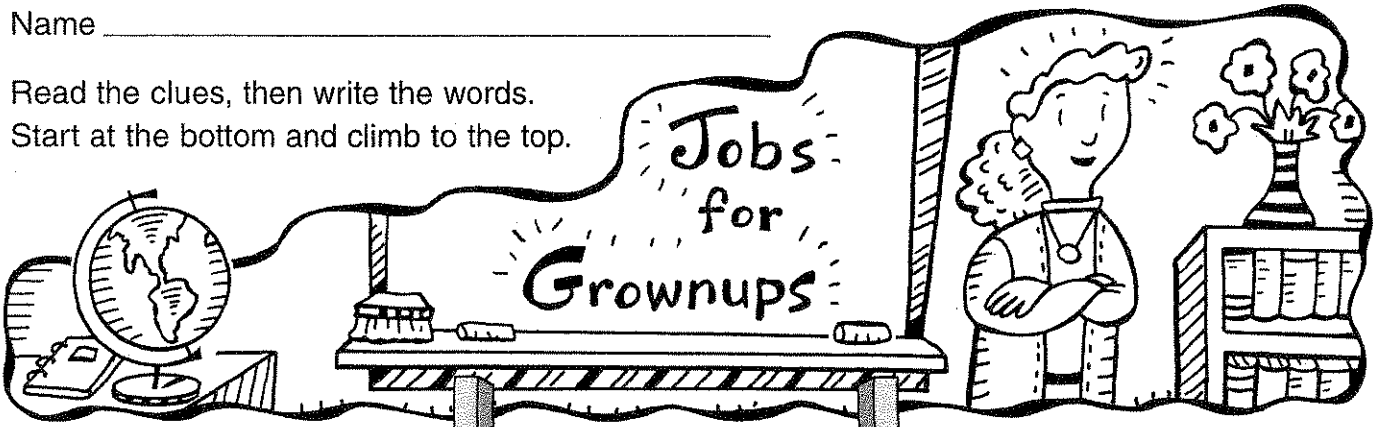
Slightly cold.  
**Take away two letters.**

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s c h o o l

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Mother or father.  
Add two letters.

\_\_\_\_\_

7



To trim off the excess parts of something.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_

6

Concern for someone or something.  
Rearrange the letters.

\_\_\_\_\_

5



An area of land about the size of a football field.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_

4

A pain.  
Rearrange the letters.

\_\_\_\_\_

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Another word for every.  
Take away one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_

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What teachers do.  
Take away two letters.

\_\_\_\_\_

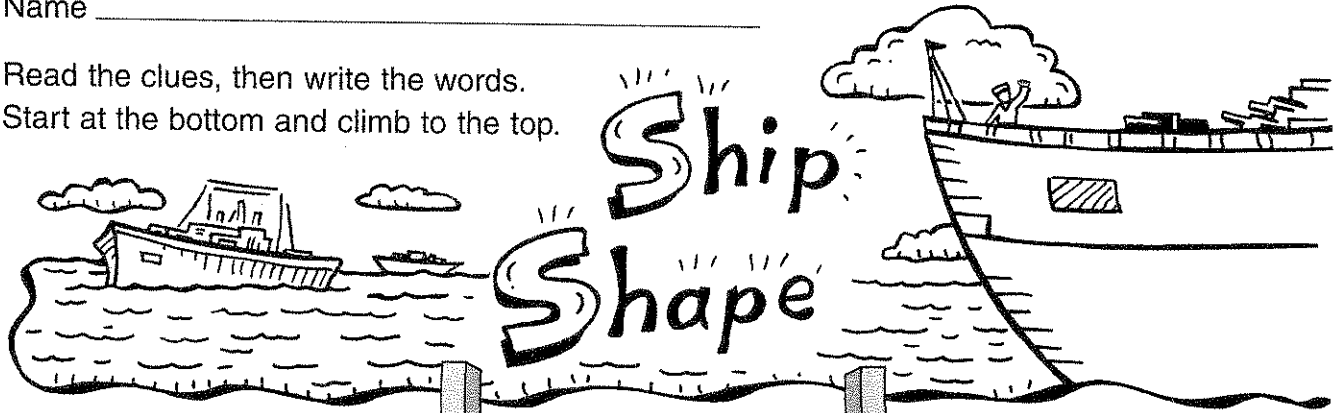
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t e a c h e r



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A large boat.  
**Add one letter.**

Part of the body.  
**Change one letter.**

Not *her* but \_\_\_\_.  
Male pronoun.  
**Change one letter.**

A meat that comes from pigs.  
**Take away two letters.**

A feeling of guilt or disgrace.  
**Change one letter.**

To give part of what you have to another.  
**Change one letter.**

The form something has.  
**Change one letter.**

One way to remove hair.  
**Change one letter.**

To push.  
**Take away one letter.**

A tool for digging.  
**Take away one letter, then add two.**

A fiction book.  
**Change two vowels.**

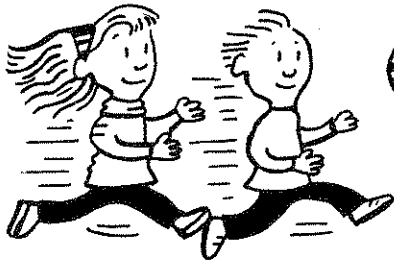
Having to do with the navy.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

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**navy**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Suppertime



Another word for supper.  
**Add one letter.**

A kind of restaurant.  
**Add two letters.**

A loud, continuous noise.  
**Change the last letter.**

What dogs like to do in the dirt.  
**Change one letter.**

Used a shovel in the ground.  
**Take away one letter.**

A medication.  
**Change one letter.**

To pull something along the ground.  
**Add one letter.**

An old piece of cloth.  
**Take away the first two letters, then rearrange the rest.**

What you use to sweeten tea or coffee.  
**Change two letters.**

Very good. Excellent  
**Take away one letter.**

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s u p p e r

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Just a Spoonful



A very sweet substance.  
Take away the *h*, add a letter, and rearrange.

A covering for a floor.  
Change one letter.

To drink quickly.  
Take away the first letter, then add two.

Another name for the stomach.  
Change one letter.

Causing something to become hot.  
Change one letter.

Perspiration.  
Change one letter.

When you raise your shoulders, you \_\_\_\_.  
Add two letters at the beginning.

To hold tightly with affection or love.  
Take away one letter.

To pull hard.  
Rearrange the letters.

A small shelter or house.  
Take away two vowels, then add one.

Something you sit on.  
Take away one letter.

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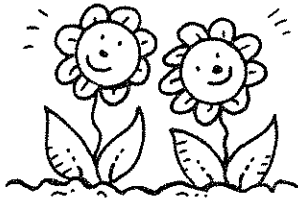
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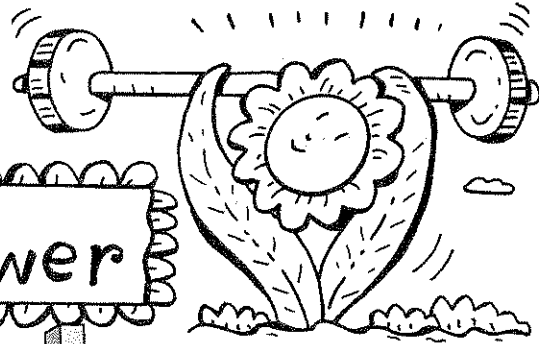
s w e e t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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




# Flower Power




To move along smoothly,  
like a river.  
**Add one letter.**

When you meet someone  
you might ask, "\_\_\_ are  
you?"  
**Take away one letter.**

To push.  
**Change one letter.**

 To cover a road with a material  
like asphalt or concrete.  
**Change one letter.**

 A thin, flat piece of wood.  
**Rearrange the vowels.**


Where you put your  
foot on a bike.  
**Change one letter.**


This has petals.  
**Add two letters.**

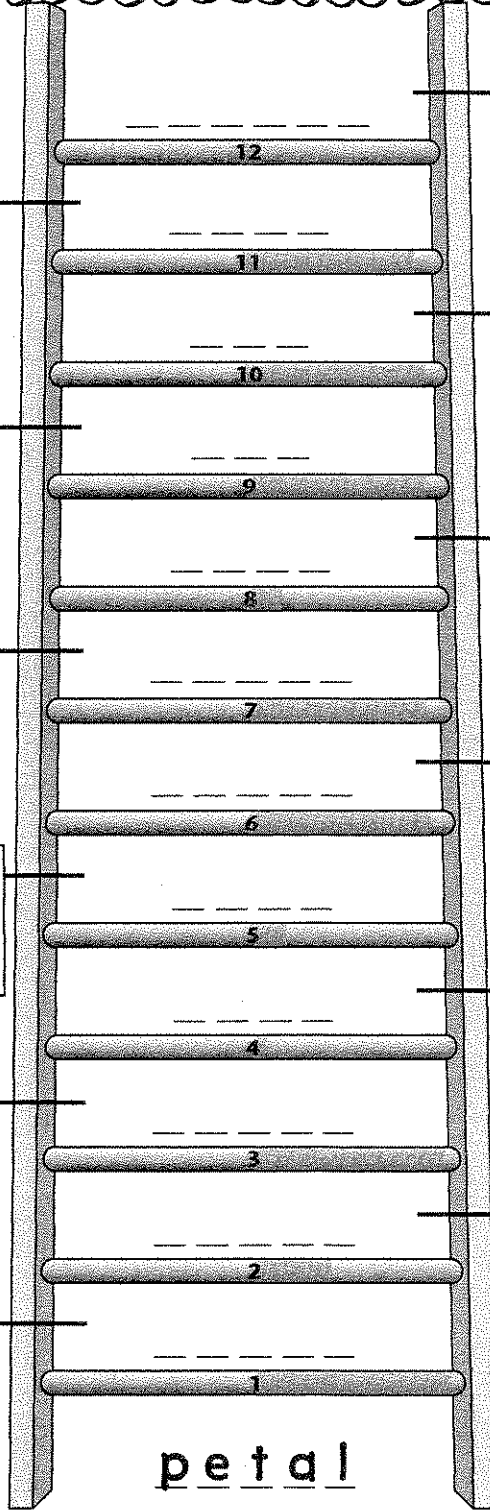
Not high.  
**Change one letter.**

To exhibit something to  
others.  
**Take away the last two  
letters, then add one.**

To remove hair.  
**Take away one letter,  
then add two.**

 A sheet of glass in a  
window.  
**Take away one letter.**

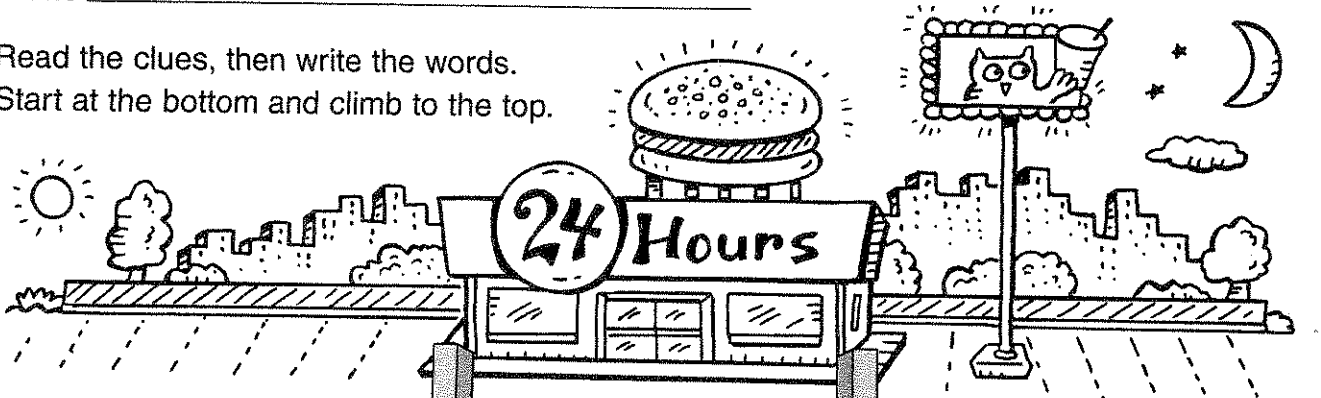
 To punish is to \_\_\_ize  
someone.  
**Change the middle  
letter.**



petal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A bird, usually blue in color.  
**Change one letter.**

A dance that you might  
do when happy.  
**Change one letter.**

A sunny day is \_\_\_\_.  
**Add one letter.**

Another name for strength  
or force.  
**Change one letter.**

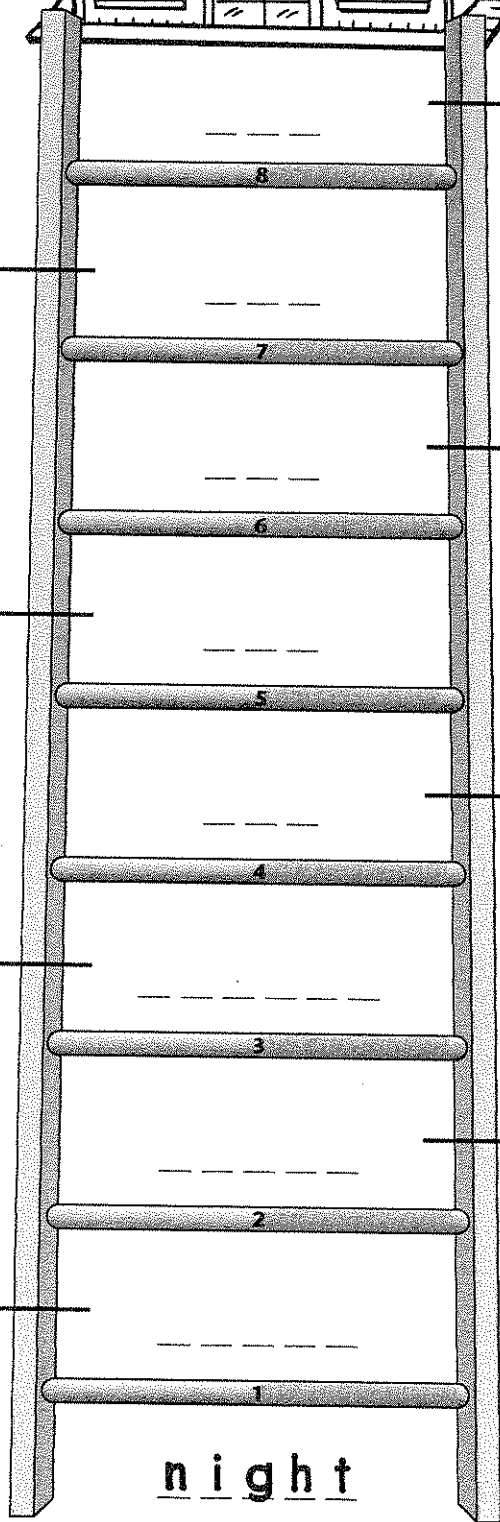
Opposite of night.  
**Change one letter.**



A sharp projecting  
edge of something.  
**Change the middle  
letter.**

Not small.  
**Take away three letters.**

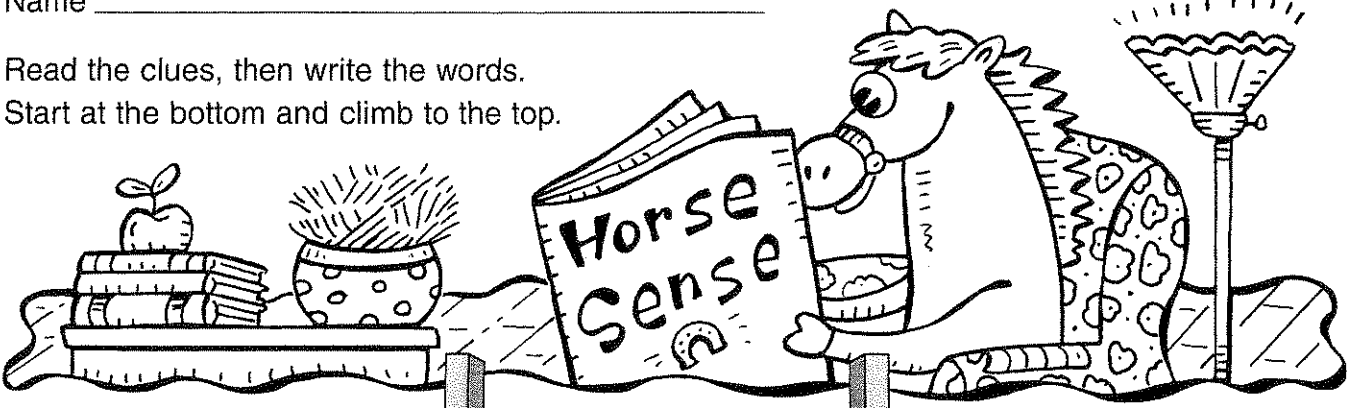
Opposite of left.  
**Change one letter.**



n i g h t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Colts belong to this family of animals.  
**Change one letter.**

You use dots and dashes in \_\_\_\_ Code.  
**Add one letter.**

An additional or greater amount of something.  
**Change one letter.**

A female horse.  
**Change one letter.**

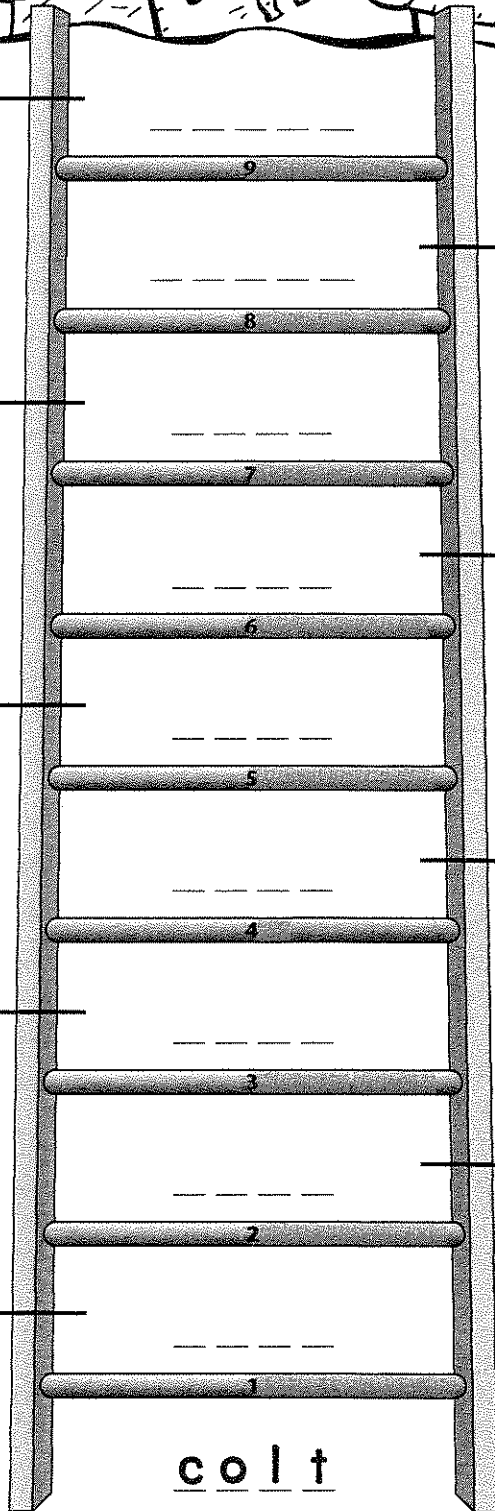
A word for market or store.  
**Change one letter.**

A long pole coming from the center of the deck of a ship.  
**Change the vowel.**

The opposite of least.  
**Change one letter.**

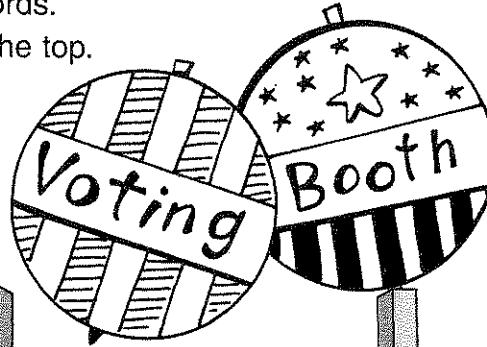
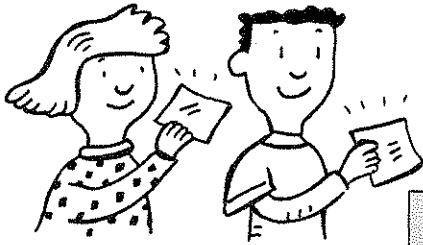
The person who gives a party.  
**Change one letter.**

The price of something.  
**Change one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A short, informal letter.  
**Change one letter.**

This is often done by casting a ballot.  
**Change one letter.**

A young child.  
**Change one letter.**

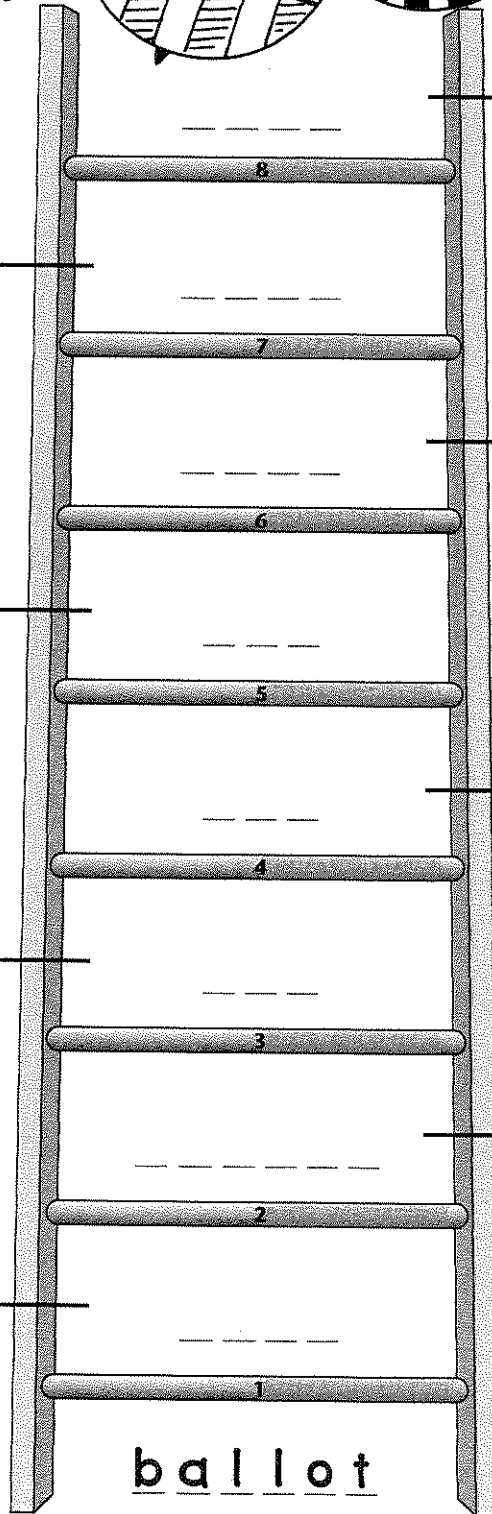
To carry.  
**Add one letter.**

To permit. I hope mom  
\_\_\_\_s us go.  
**Take away three letters.**

A large quantity of something.  
**Change one letter.**

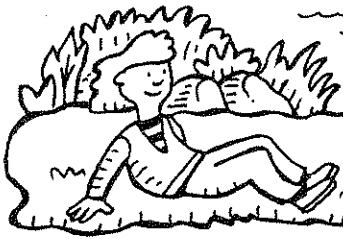
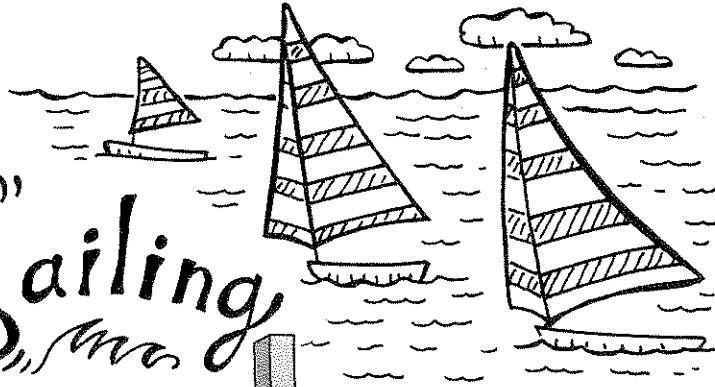
A round object.  
**Take away two letters.**

A kind of dance.  
**Add two letters.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Sailing

You wear this in winter.  
**Add one letter.**

To touch or hit lightly.  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of tree found in tropical places.  
**Change one letter.**

A shelled animal that lives at the bottom of the sea.  
**Take away one letter.**

To shoot, hit, or throw in a particular direction.  
**Change one letter.**

A slow-moving animal.  
**Add one letter.**

A craft for traveling on water.  
**Change one letter.**

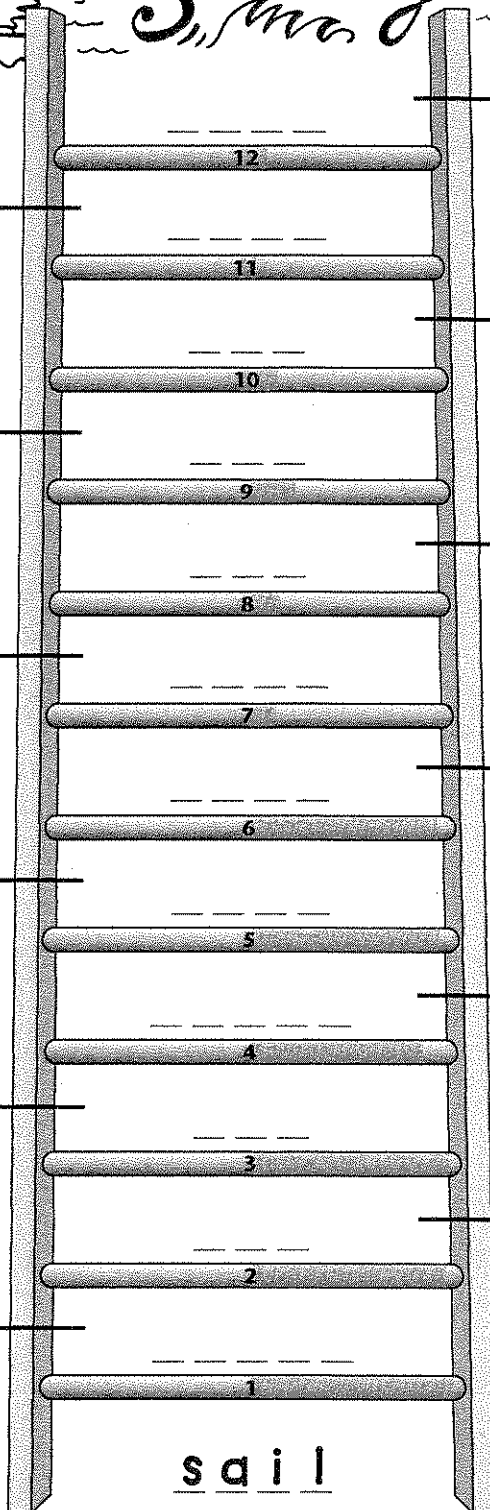
A pet animal related to tigers and lions.  
**Change one letter.**

A friend.  
**Take away one letter.**

A state of tranquillity. Not bothered by anything.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

To assert something. He \_\_\_\_s he didn't do it.  
**Add two letters.**

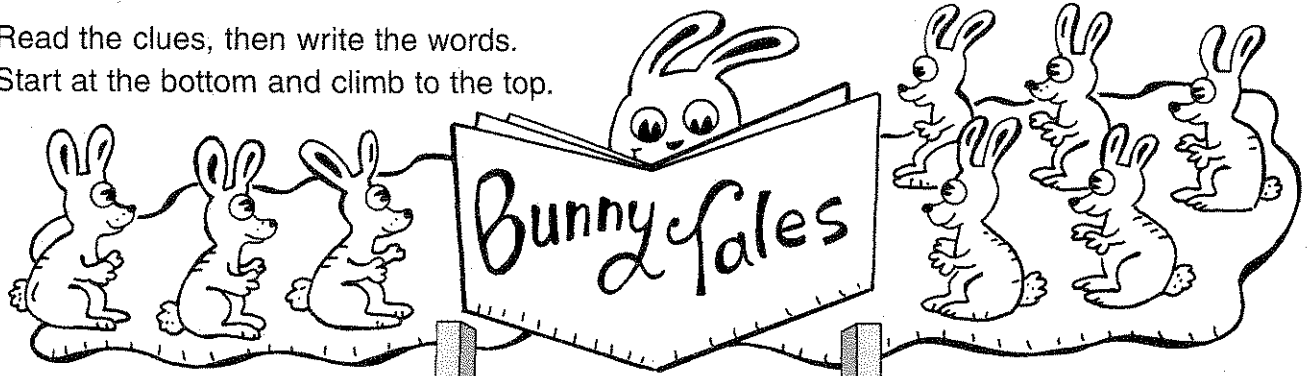
To be ill.  
**Take away two letters.**





Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A kind of rabbit.  
**Change one letter.**

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9

To feel concern for  
another person.  
**Take away one letter.**

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8

To frighten someone.  
**Add one letter.**

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7

A mark left on the skin  
after a wound has healed.  
**Add one letter.**

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6

Automobile.  
**Change one letter.**

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5

Opposite of near.  
**Change one letter.**

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4

Opposite of thin.  
**Change one letter.**

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3

What you use in baseball  
to hit the ball.  
**Change one letter.**

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Gripped something with  
your teeth.  
**Take away three letters.**

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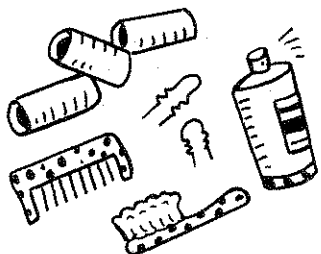
r a b b i t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Good

# Ware Day



Another name for a hare.  
**Add two letters.**

A piece of bread, usually in the form of a round roll.  
**Change one letter.**

On the other hand, I like school, \_\_\_ recess should be longer.  
**Change one letter.**

A winged mammal that usually flies at night.  
**Change one letter.**

A long, flat block of something hard, like a chocolate \_\_\_\_.  
**Take away one letter.**

Uncovered. Without clothing.  
**Change one letter.**

Another name for a poet.  
**Change the first letter.**

You might get one of these in the mail on your birthday.  
**Change one letter.**

A type of fish.  
**Change the first letter.**

A stringed musical instrument.  
**Take away one letter.**

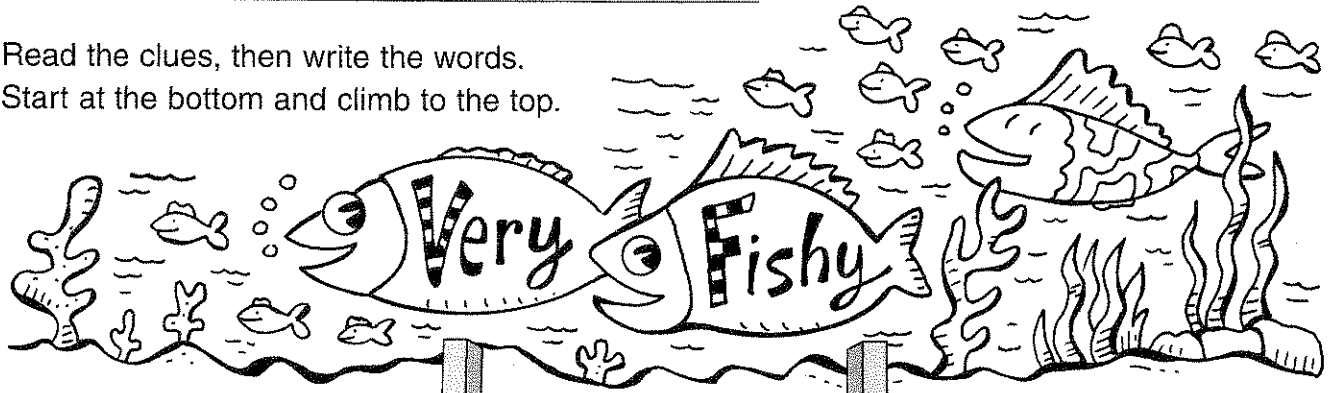
Pointed, not dull.  
**Change one letter.**

To give some of what you have to others.  
**Add one letter.**

h a r e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A place that honors a thing or person.  
**Add one letter after the h.**

A high-pitched sound, much like crying.  
**Add one letter.**

To be victorious.  
**Take away one letter.**

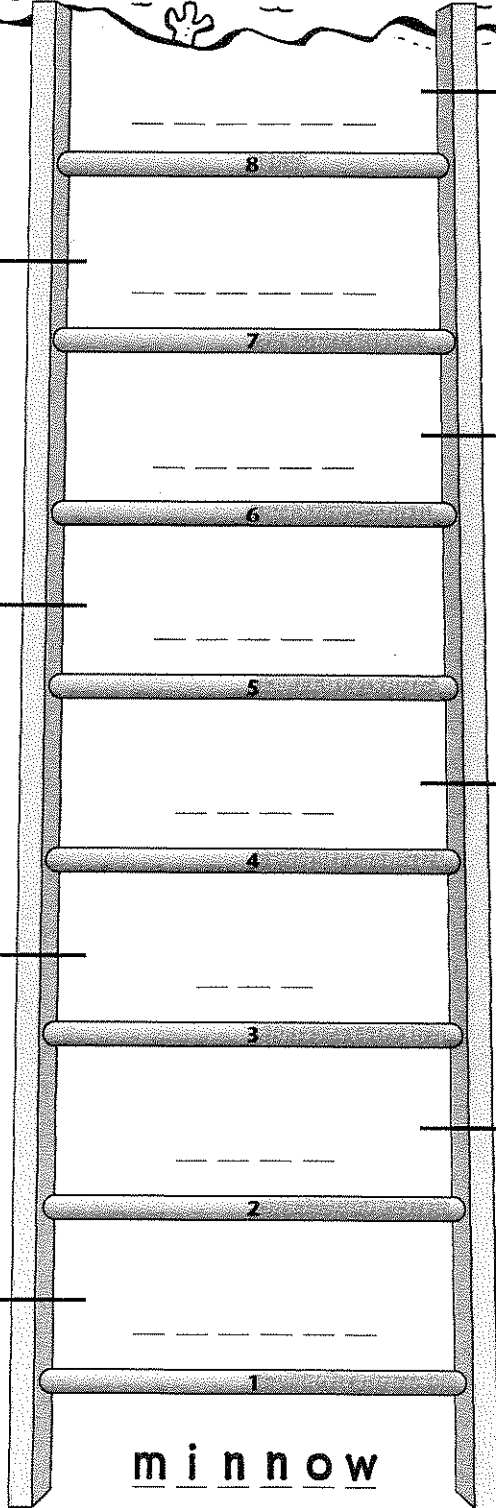
An opening in a building, usually covered with glass.  
**Change the first and fourth letters.**

A small sea animal that some people eat.  
**Change the last two letters.**

To glow or be bright by reflecting light.  
**Change one letter.**

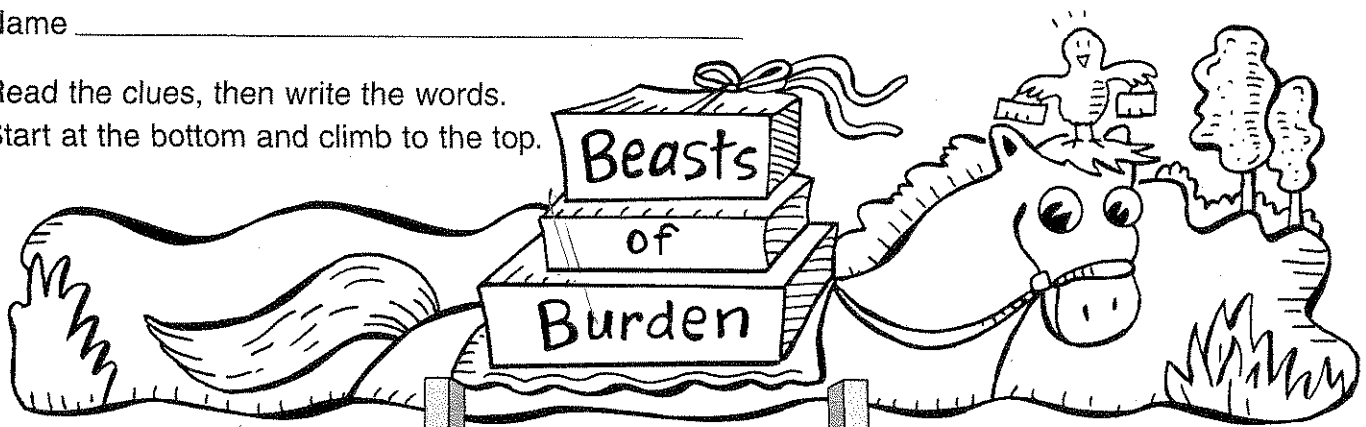
An adult drink made from grapes.  
**Add one letter.**

Blowing or moving air.  
**Take away two letters.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A desert animal.  
**Add one letter.**

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9

To have come.  
**Change one letter.**


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8

To be concerned about  
someone or something.  
**Change one letter.**

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7

A female horse.  
**Change one letter.**

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6

 Nothing more than. He was  
a \_\_\_ child when he wrote  
the book.  
**Change the first vowel.**

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5

Opposite of less.  
**Change one letter.**

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4

The middle part of an apple.  
**Take away one letter.**

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3

A job done around  
the house.  
**Change one letter.**

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2

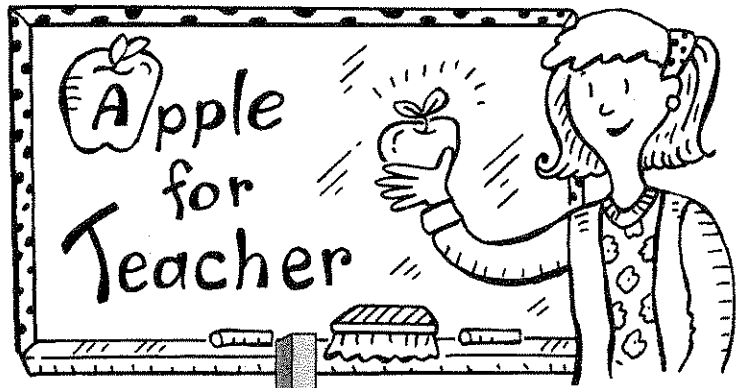
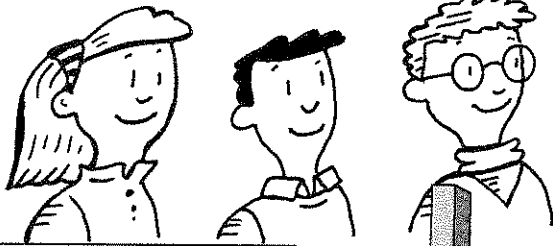
The edge of the ocean  
or a lake.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

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1

h o r s e

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



What instructors in a school do.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

A group of players on the same side in a sport.  
**Add one letter.**



A woolen cap worn in Scotland called a \_\_\_\_-o'-shanter.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

Opposite of short.  
**Change one letter.**

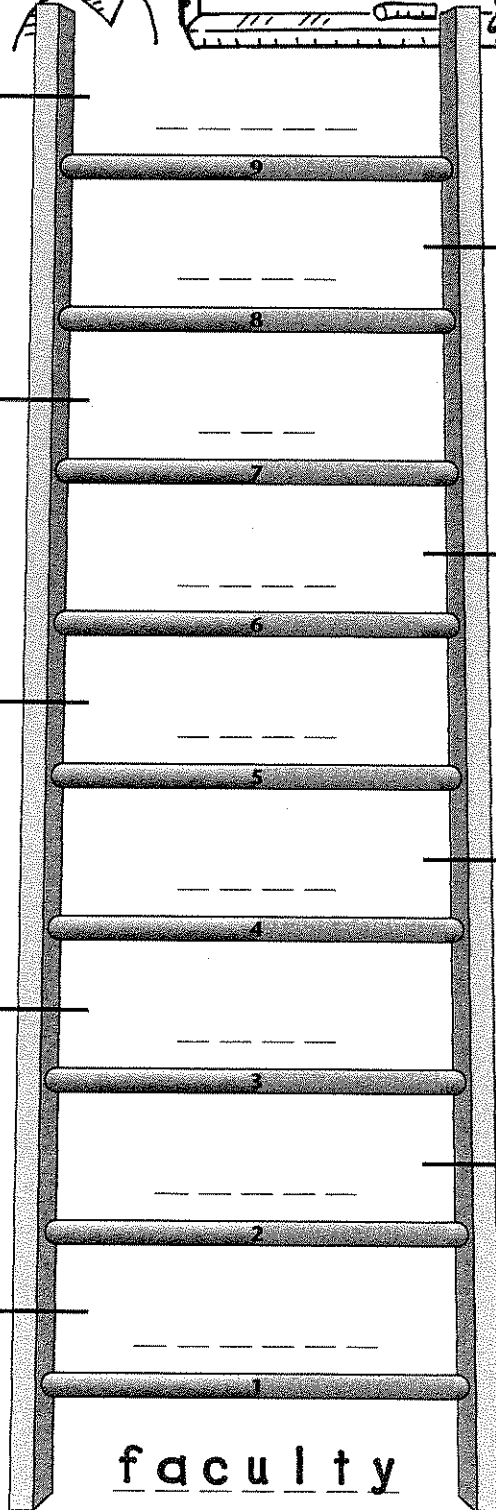
To say.  
**Change one letter.**

To have fallen.  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of soft cloth.  
**Take away two vowels, then add one.**

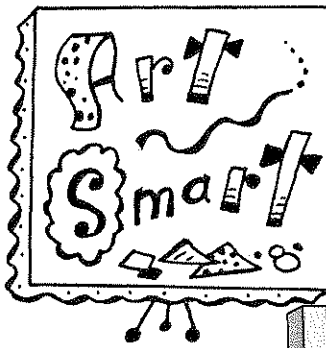
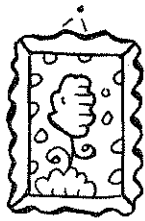
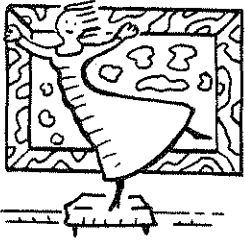
If something is your \_\_\_\_, you are to blame for it.  
**Take away one letter.**

Not perfect. Having a defect.  
**Take away one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A place to display works of art.  
**Add one letter.**


A narrow street with access to the rear of buildings.  
**Add two letters.**

An enclosed shopping center.  
**Change one letter.**

To speak.  
**Change one letter.**

What you do with a suitcase.  
**Change one letter.**

Some, but not all, of something.  
**Add one letter.**

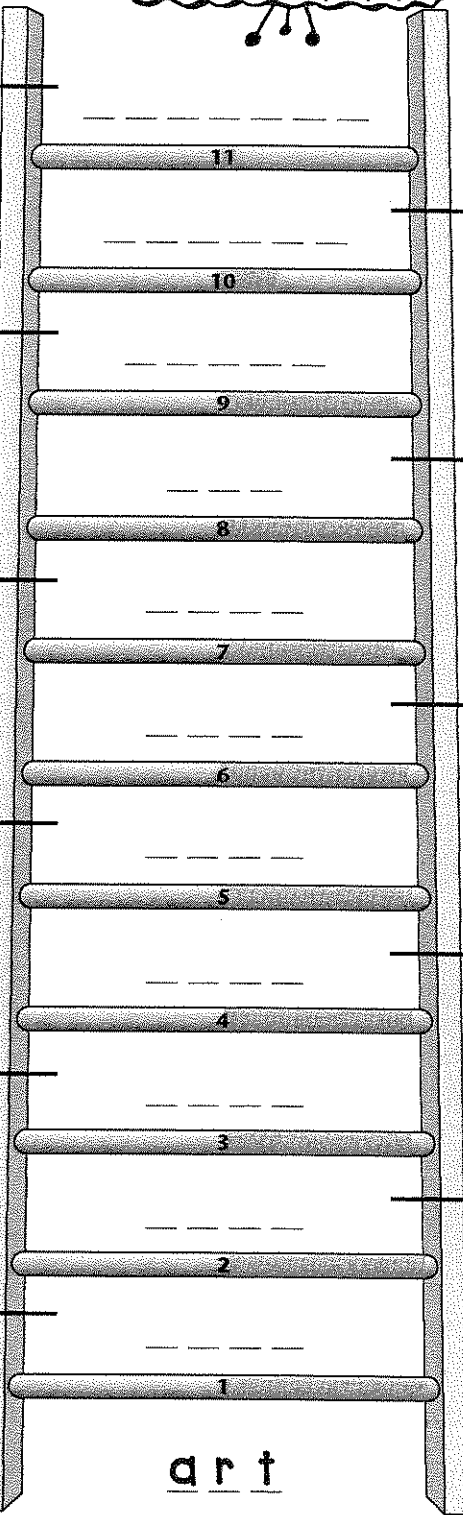
 The kitchen and cooking area of a ship or airplane.  
**Add one letter to the beginning.**

Everyone and everything.  
**Take away one letter.**

Opposite of short.  
**Change one letter.**

A little nail for hanging things, as on a bulletin board.  
**Change one letter.**

A place for recreation.  
**Change one letter.**



a r t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A small mountain.  
**Change one letter.**

To search for something.  
**Change one letter.**

A back or rear leg of  
an animal.  
**Take away two vowels,  
then add one.**

Something no longer  
lost is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

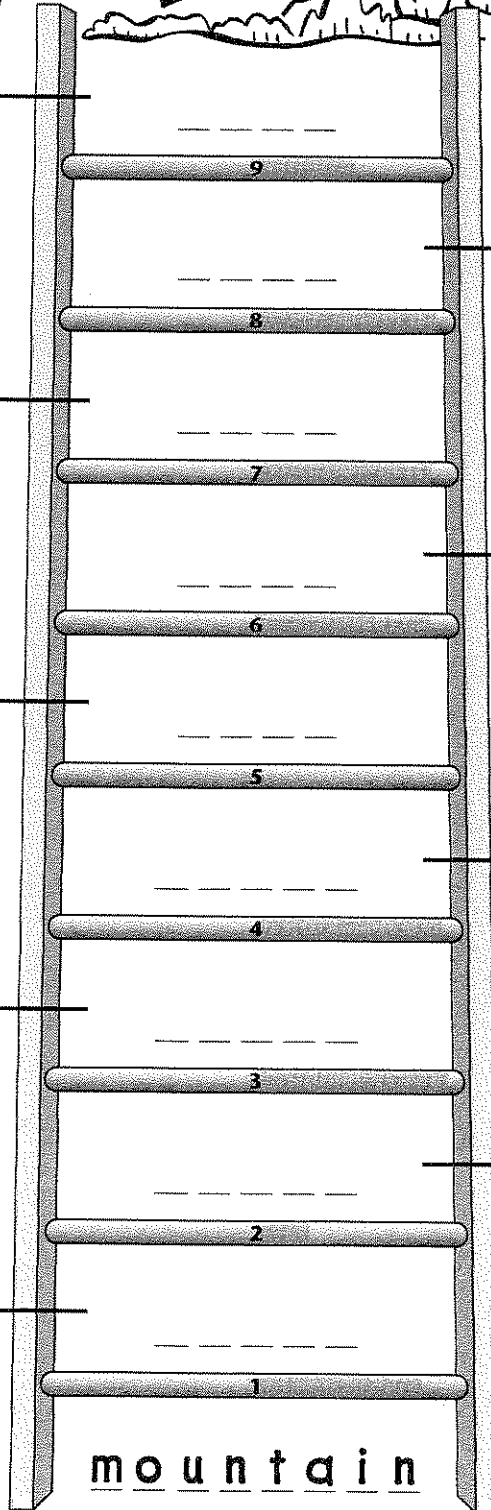
To get on or climb up.  
**Take away three letters.**

The main body of  
a ship.  
**Change the last  
two letters.**

A clue.  
**Change one letter.**

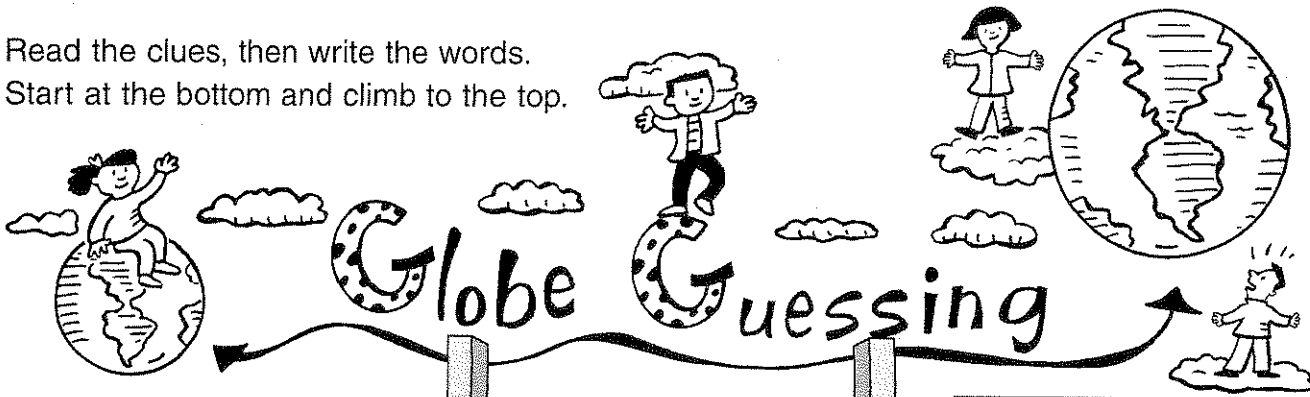
A breed of dog for hunting.  
**Change one letter.**

A small hill.  
**Change the last letter.**





Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



There is a south and a north one of these on the globe.  
**Change one letter.**

 Tiny hole in your skin through which you sweat.  
**Change the last letter.**

 The place where ships dock.  
**Add one letter after the o.**

You can cook in this.  
**Take away one letter.**

To sulk.  
**Take away the first two letters, then add one.**

To talk loudly.  
**Add two letters.**

Not *in* but \_\_\_\_.  
**Take away two letters.**

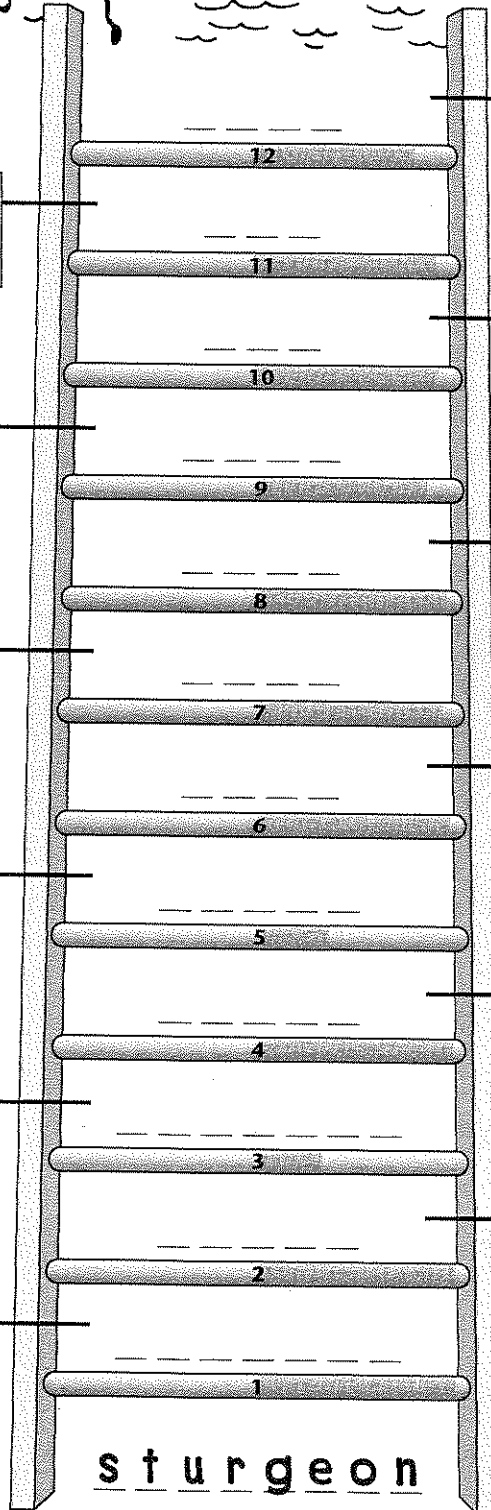
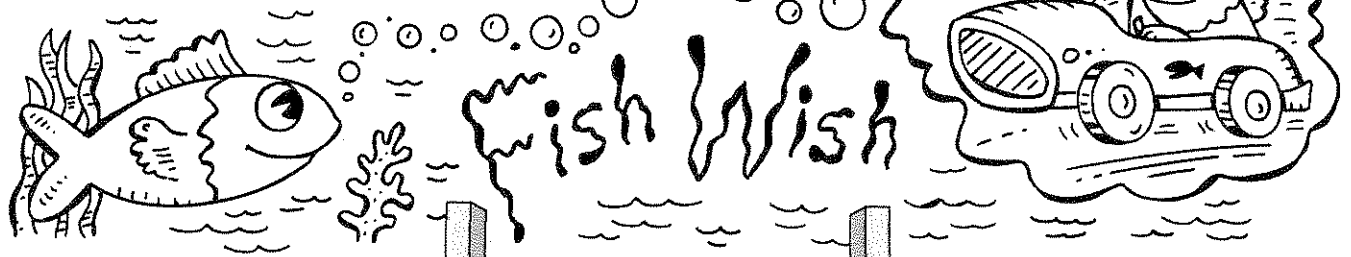
What you eat with.  
**Change one letter.**

s o u t h



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



In good physical shape.  
**Change one letter.**

What burns things.  
**Change the first two letters.**


To heal an illness.  
**Change one letter.**

A lady's handbag.  
**Change one letter.**

To spend money freely or extravagantly.  
**Add two letters after the s.**


A doctor who performs operations.  
**Take away one letter.**


An animal that swims.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

 A type of evergreen tree.  
**Take away one letter.**

The center of an apple.  
**Change one letter.**

Perfect. Free from anything impure.  
**Take away one letter.**

 To clean something out by getting rid of unwanted things.  
**Take away two consonants.**

 To rush forward with force, like a wave.  
**Take away two letters.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Up

Ground

From the



To build again.  
Add two letters.

A small shoot that will  
grow into a leaf or flower.  
Take away the last two  
letters, then add one.

You use this on your hair.  
Change the first and last  
letters.

When you don't trust  
someone you \_\_\_\_ him.  
Change two letters  
after the r.

To tear something down.  
Change the first two  
letters.

To build something.  
Take away two letters.

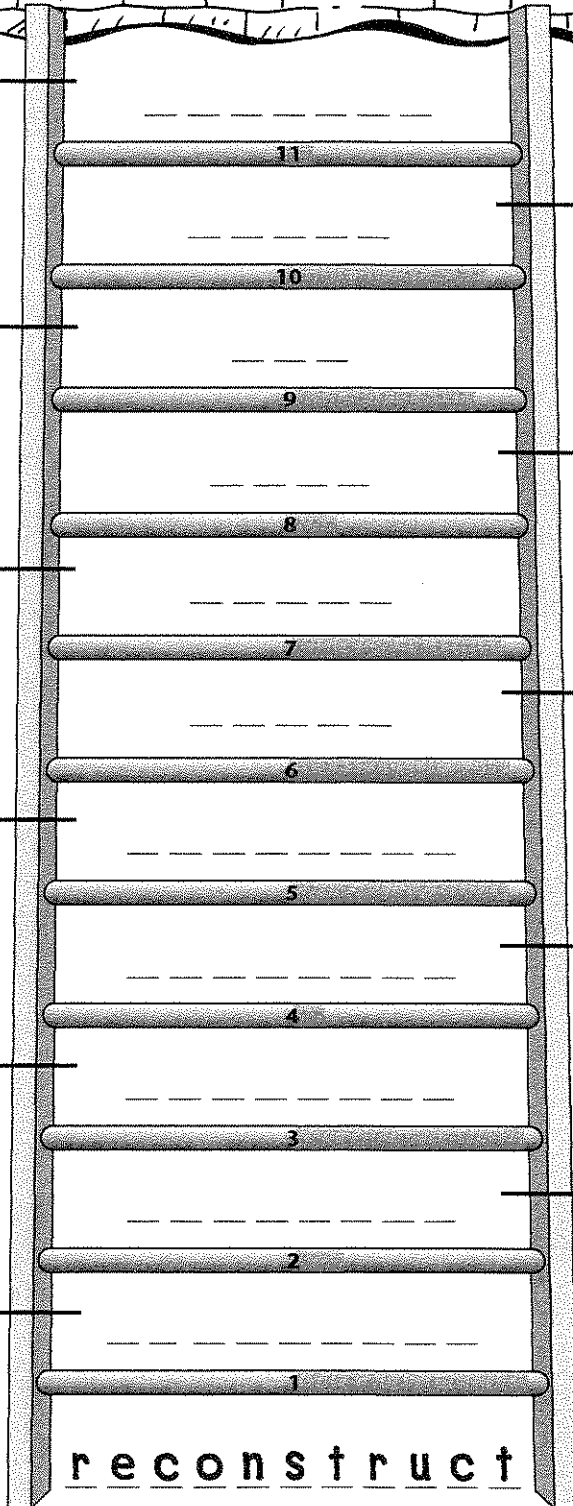
To make something by  
putting parts together.  
Add two letters after  
the u.

A shrub.  
Take away one letter.

To believe in someone or  
something.  
Take away three letters.

To weaken someone's  
concentration.  
Change two vowels.

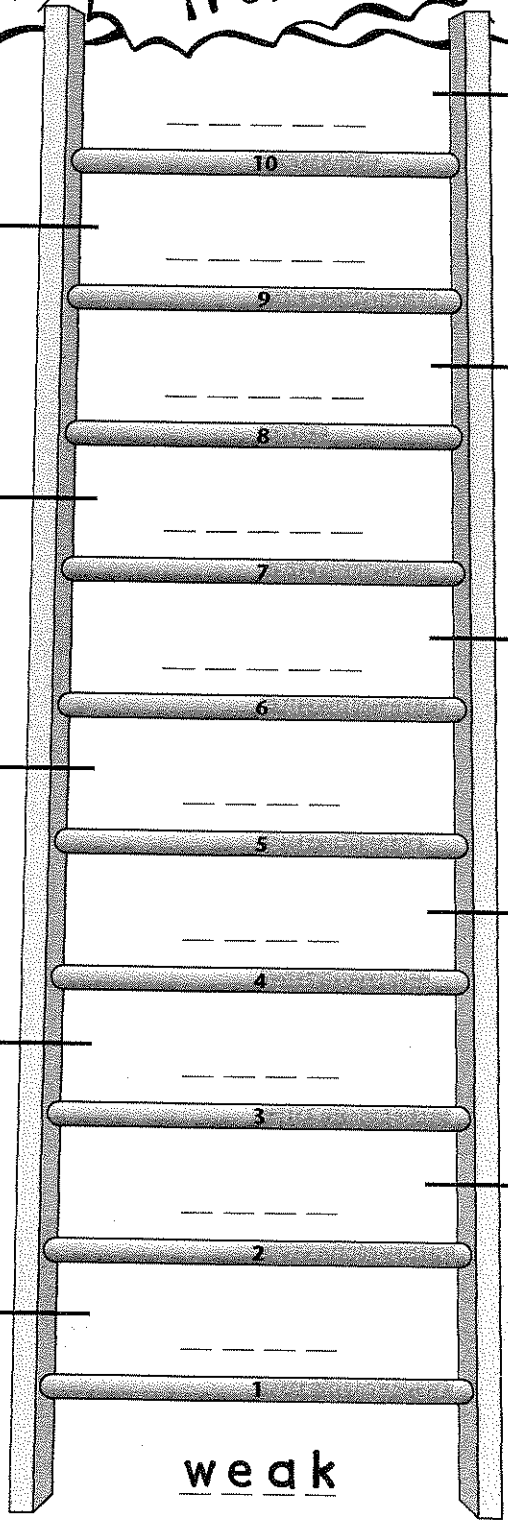
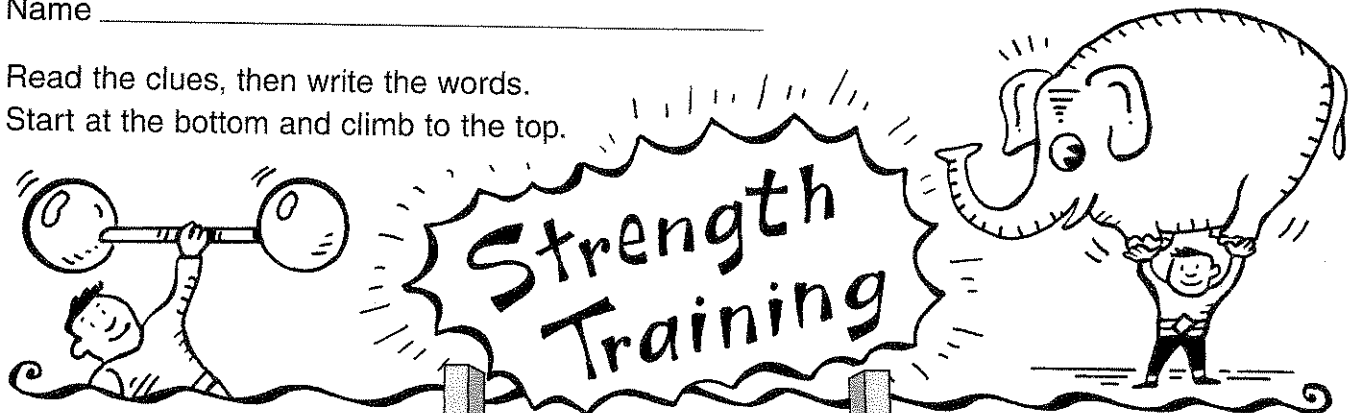
To teach something.  
Take away the first  
three letters, then  
add two.



reconstruct

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



To feel with your fingers.  
**Change one letter.**

A person who teaches others in sports.  
**Change one letter.**

What cars drive on.  
**Change one letter.**



A tall grass that grows in wet areas.  
**Change the first letter.**

What seven days are called.  
**Change one letter.**

Not weak.  
**Change one letter.**

A piece of furniture for sitting.  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of bug.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

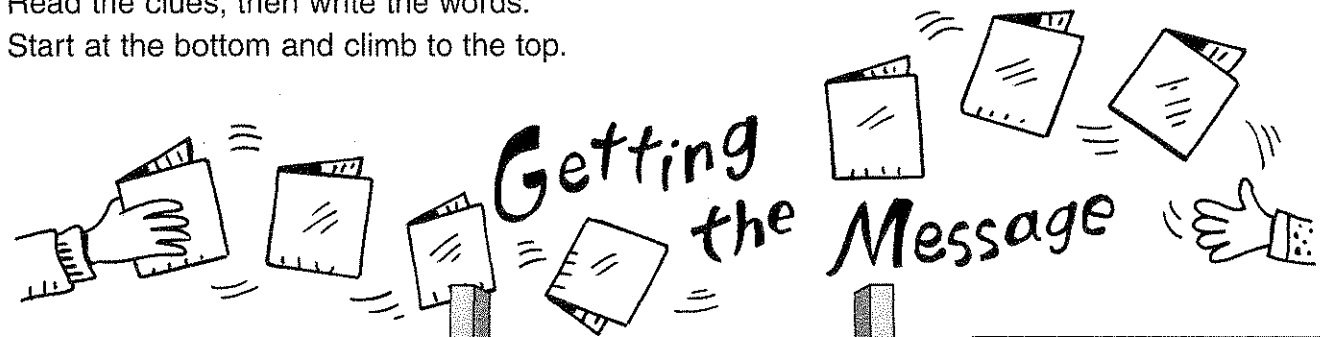
What you do to a book.  
**Change one vowel.**

An unwanted plant.  
**Change one letter.**

weak

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A ladder with 10 rungs, numbered 1 to 10 from bottom to top. Each rung has a blank space for a word. The word "message" is written at the bottom of the ladder. Clues are provided for each rung.

10 \_\_\_\_\_  
10

9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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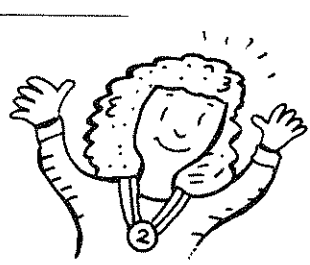
**message**

**Clues:**

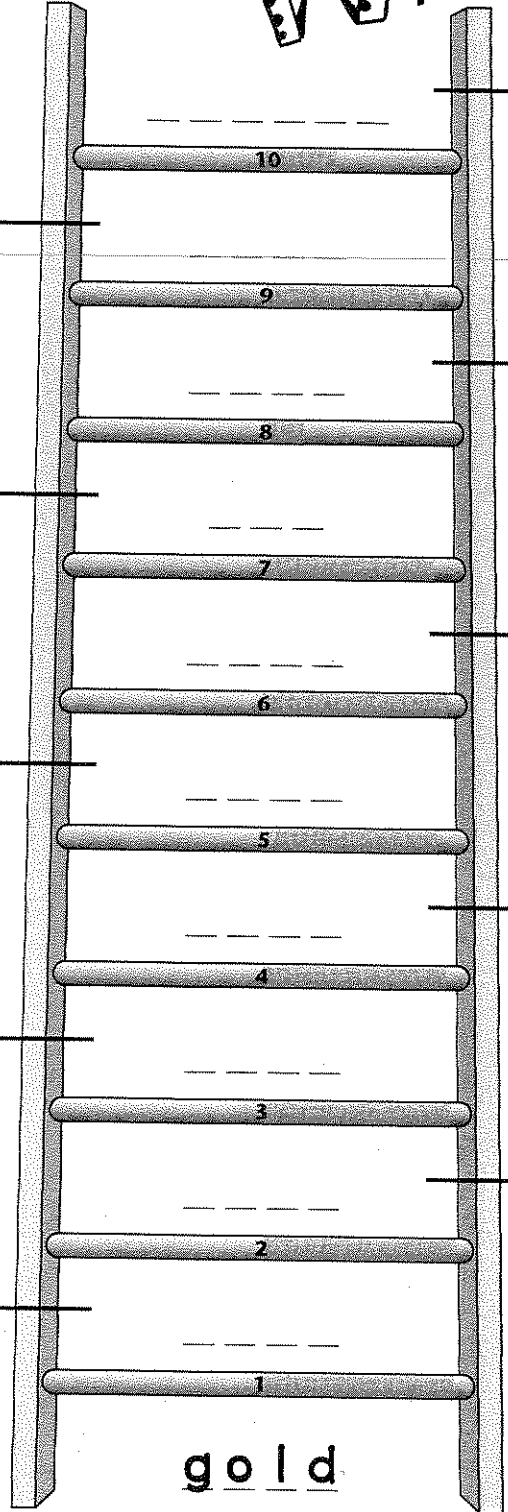
- 10: A kind of written message. Add one letter.
- 9: Do \_\_\_ go where it is dangerous. Change one letter.
- 8: It hangs from a basketball rim. Take away one letter.
- 7: The home for a bird. Change one letter.
- 6: Direction in which the sun sets. Take away two letters, then add one.
- 5: Part of the body at the end of the arm. Take away one letter, then add two.
- 4: A light rain. Change one letter.
- 3: To feel bad that someone is absent. Change one letter.
- 2: A number of people or things together. Take away three letters.
- 1: To rub the muscles. Change one letter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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




# Medal Winners




In grammar, this is an *action word*.  
**Change one letter.**

A precious metal other than gold.  
**Add three letters to the beginning; take away one at the back.**

Refers to a girl or woman.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**

 A plant you can use to cook with.  
**Add one letter to the end.**


 The main part of a ship.  
**Change one letter.**

The back of your foot.  
**Change the middle two letters.**

A white bird that lives near the ocean.  
**Change one letter.**

The opposite of push.  
**Change one letter.**

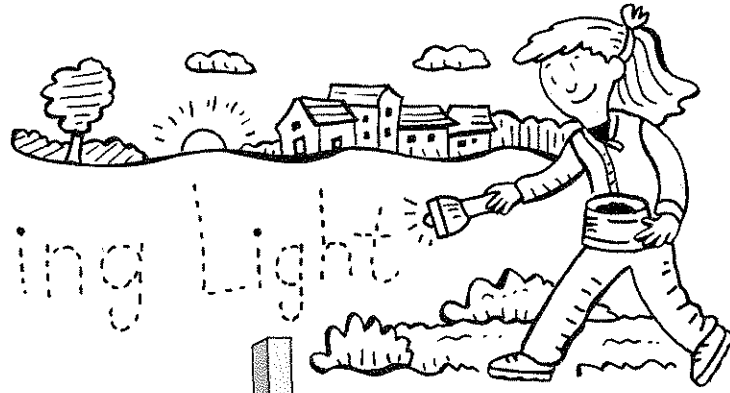
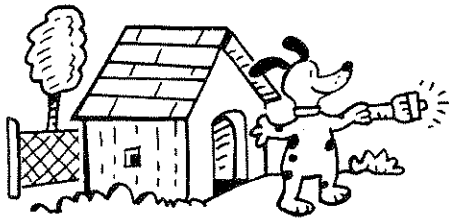
A game played on an outdoor course with tees.  
**Change one letter.**

 A part of the ocean that extends into the land.  
**Change the vowel.**

gold

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Fading Light

Absence of light.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

9

Green space used for recreation.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

8

To put objects into a box, bag, or case.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

7

The kind of bag you might carry lunch in.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

6

Unwell or ill.  
**Change the last two letters.**

\_\_\_\_\_

5

A written public notice that gives information or advertises.  
**Change the last letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

4

To breathe out deeply.  
**Take away one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

3

The sense used for seeing.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

2

Opposite of left.  
**Change one letter.**

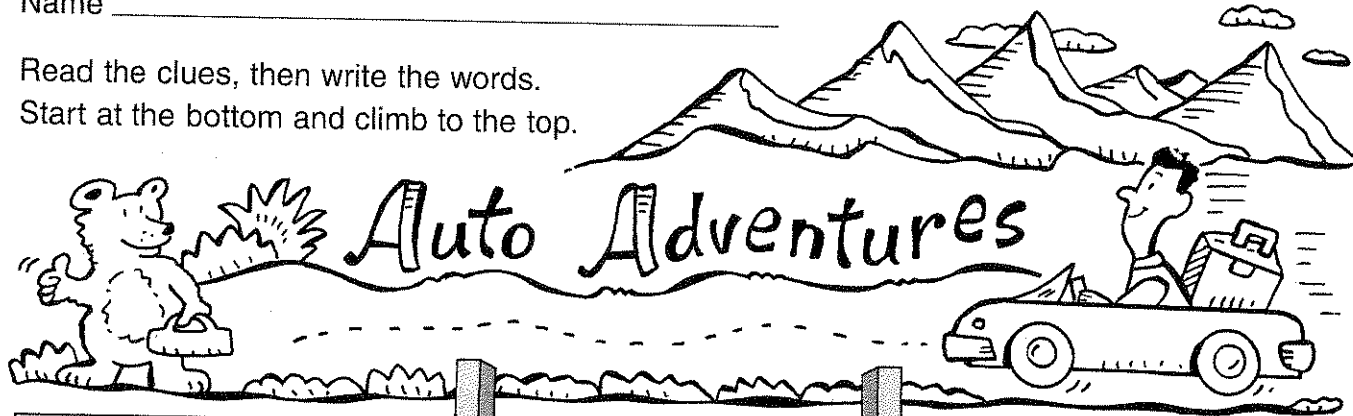
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1

l i g h t

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Something you drive.  
**Take away one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

9

To attend to the needs of another.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

8

To challenge another person to do something risky.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

7

An appointment to meet at a specific time.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

6

Short form of "David."  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

5

To jump or plunge into a body of water.  
**Take away two letters.**

\_\_\_\_\_

4

If you do this to traffic, you change its route.  
**Add one letter to the end.**

\_\_\_\_\_

3

One who dives into water.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

2

A body of flowing water.  
**Take away one letter.**

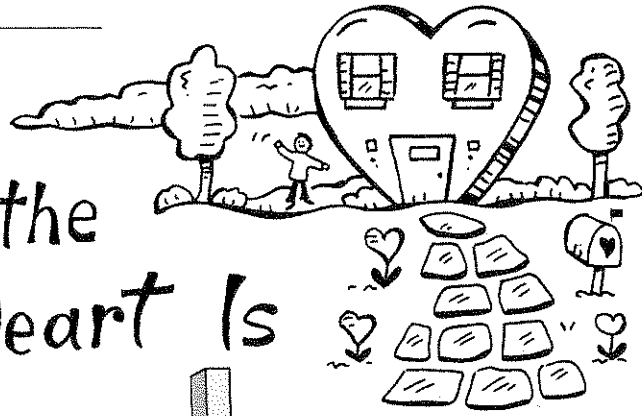
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d r i v e r

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Where the Heart Is

Where you live.  
Add one letter.

Referring to a man or boy.  
Take away one letter.

Short for "Kenneth."  
Change one letter.

An animal like a small ape.  
Add one letter.

A sweet substance made by bees.  
Take away one letter, then add one.

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phone



Shovel-like tool for gardening.  
Add one vowel.

A female chicken.  
Change one letter.

What opens a lock.  
Take away three letters.

Dollars are a form of this.  
Change one letter.

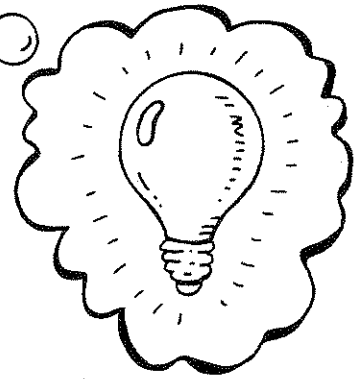


Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Quick Wit



Another name for a store  
or market.  
**Change one letter.**



To hurt or destroy  
something.  
**Rearrange letters.**



Another name for  
a tractor-trailer.  
**Take away two  
consonants.**

A feeling of terror.  
**Change one letter.**

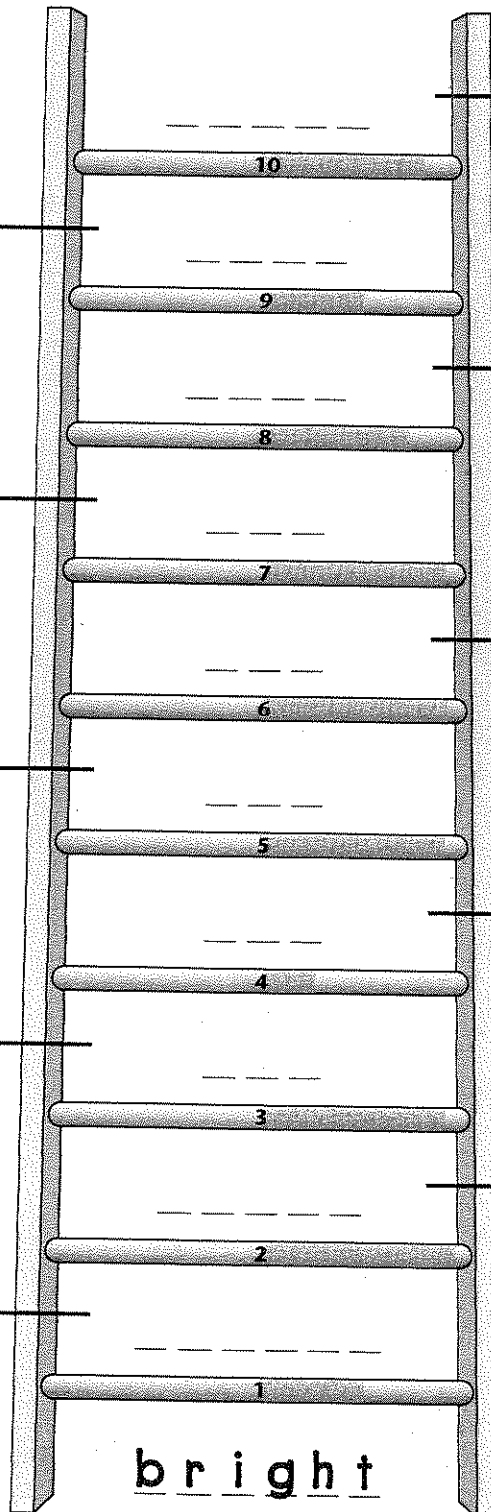
Another word for bright  
or intelligent.  
**Add one letter.**

The red planet.  
**Add one letter.**

A male sheep.  
**Change one letter.**

A floor covering.  
**Change one letter.**

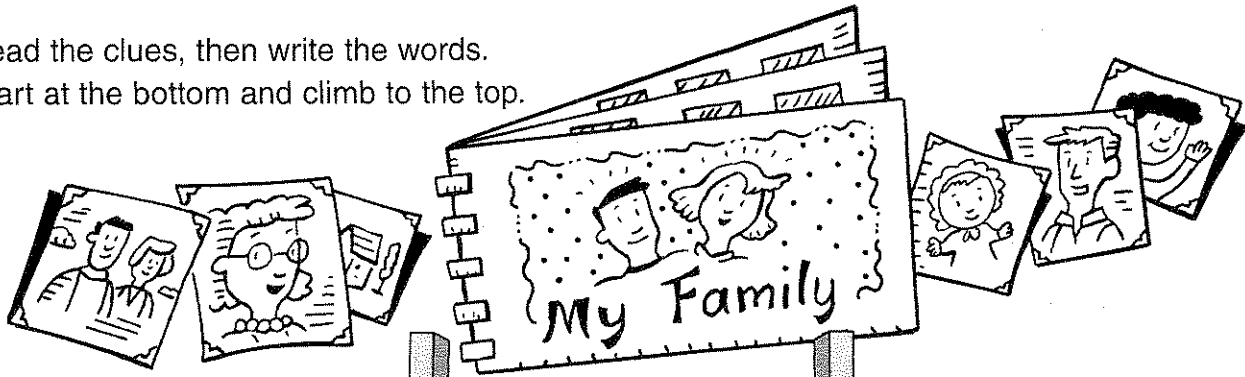
The opposite of left.  
**Take away one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the clues, then write the words.

Start at the bottom and climb to the top.



Another name for a father.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
9



Just a small amount.  
To apply lightly.  
Change the first letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
8



A short, quick poke.  
Change the first letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
7

Short for *laboratory*.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
6

Another word for *taxi*.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
5

A young bear.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4

The middle of an ear of corn.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
3

To cry.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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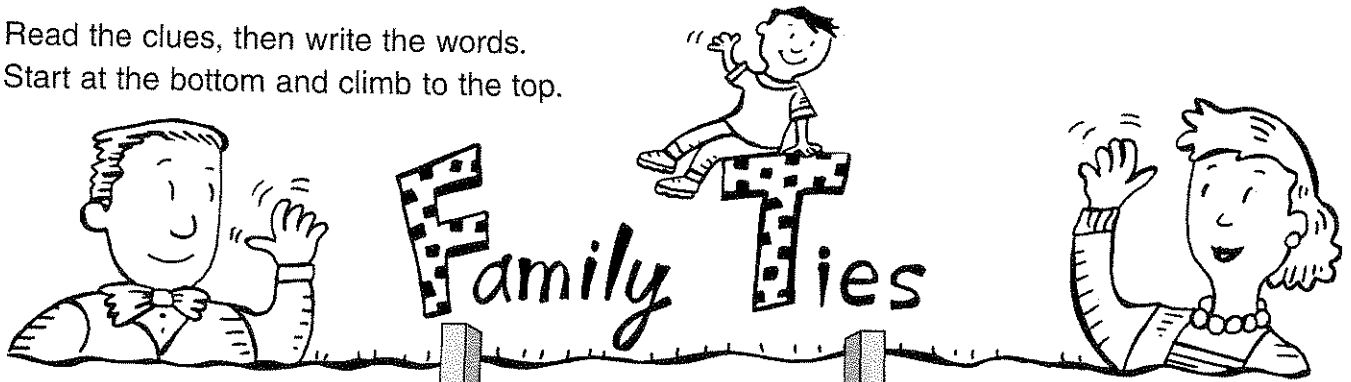
An unruly or disorderly  
group of people.  
Change one letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
1

m o m

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



A person who bathes or goes into water.  
**Add two letters.**

Short for *mathematics*.  
**Change one letter.**

Referring to two of something.  
**Take away one letter.**

Opposite of sister.  
**Add one letter.**

An additional or different one.  
**Take away one letter.**

Opposite of mother.  
**Change one letter.**

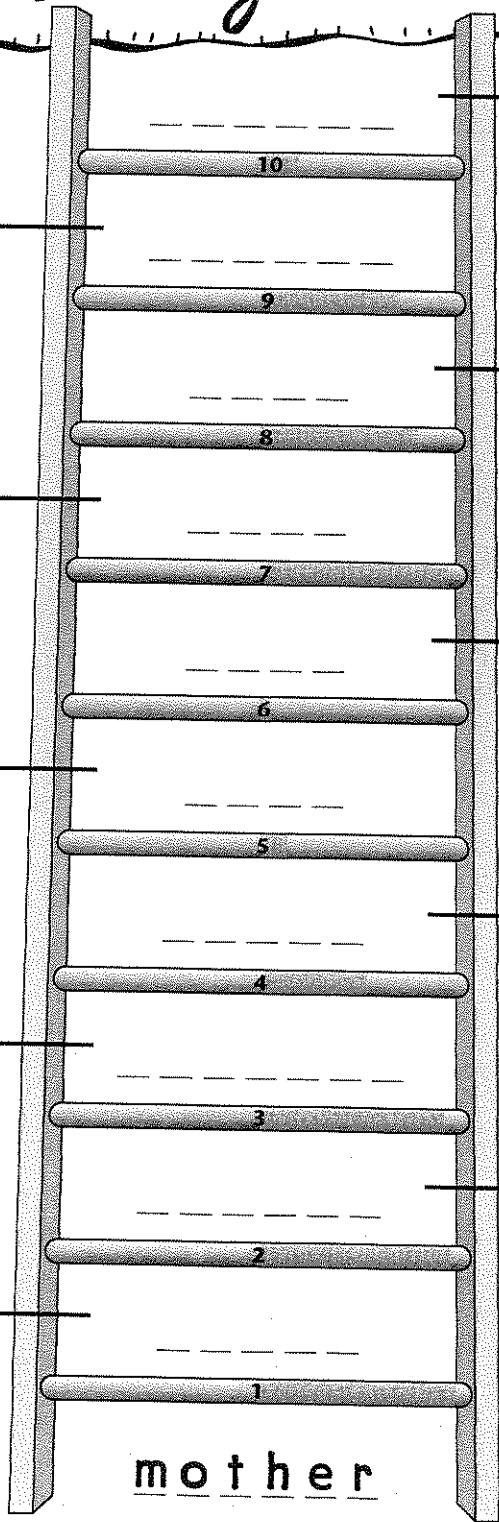
Where you bathe.  
**Change one letter.**

A flying insect that is attracted to light.  
**Change one letter.**



The liquid part of soup.  
**Take away two letters.**

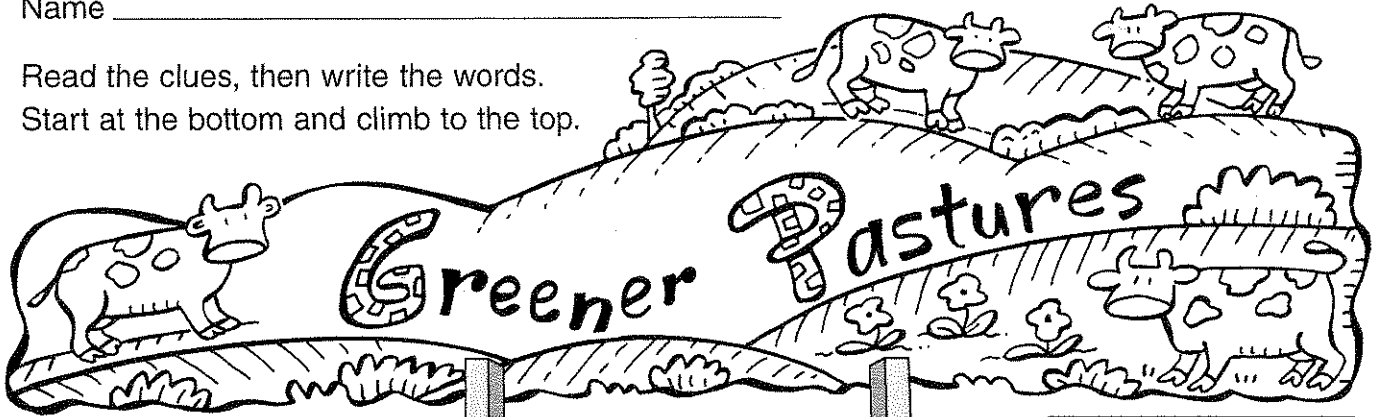
To annoy or pester someone.  
**Add one letter.**



mother

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



Short for *gasoline*.  
**Take away one letter.**

To change into a soft substance by crushing.  
**Change one letter.**


Greatest in number or amount.  
**Change one letter.**

The amount paid for something.  
**Change one letter.**

Another word for quick.  
**Change one letter.**

A kind of glue made of flour and water.  
**Take away two letters.**

What cows eat in the pasture.  
**Add two consonants.**

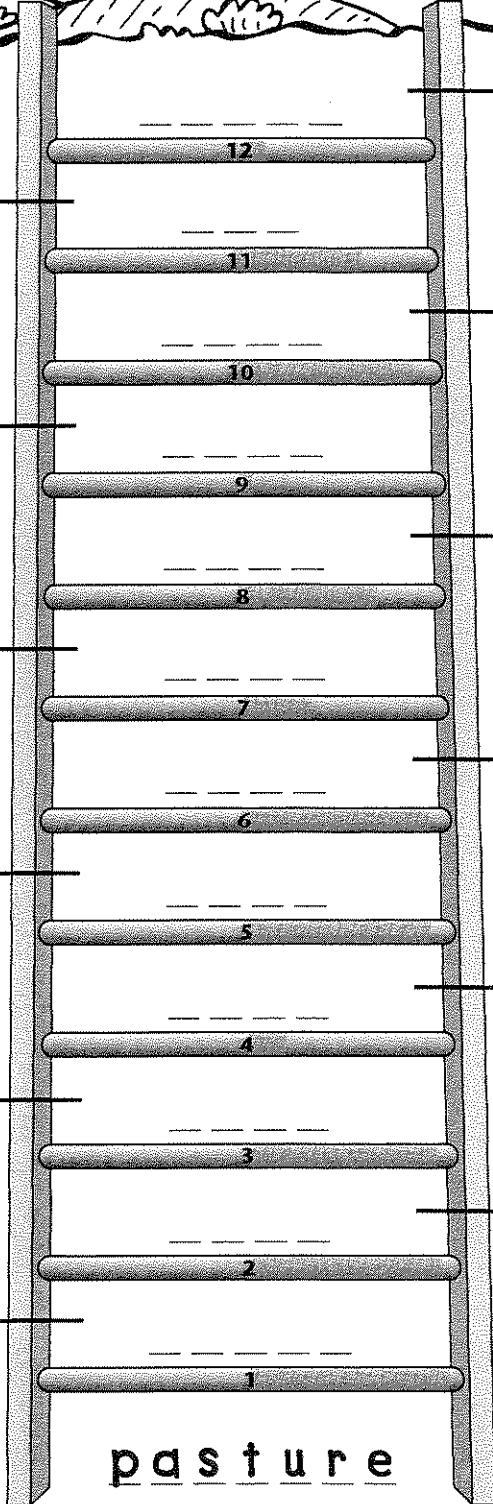
 A deep cut or wound on the body.  
**Change one letter.**

A tall pole on a sailing ship.  
**Change one letter.**

A pole you might hitch a horse to.  
**Change one letter.**

The actors in a theater production are called the \_\_\_\_.  
**Change one letter.**

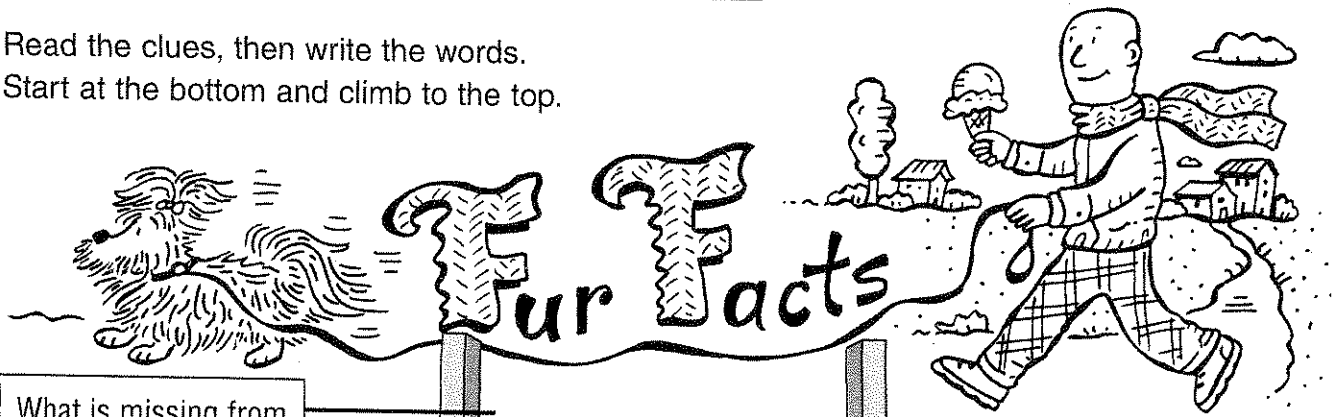
The time before now.  
**Take away one letter.**



**p a s t u r e**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



What is missing from someone who is bald.  
**Change one letter.**

A corridor or passageway in a building.  
**Take away one letter.**

The hard covering around an animal or nut.  
**Add one letter.**

Use this to make a ringing noise.  
**Change one letter.**

Completely filled.  
**Change one letter.**

A round object used for games.  
**Change one letter.**

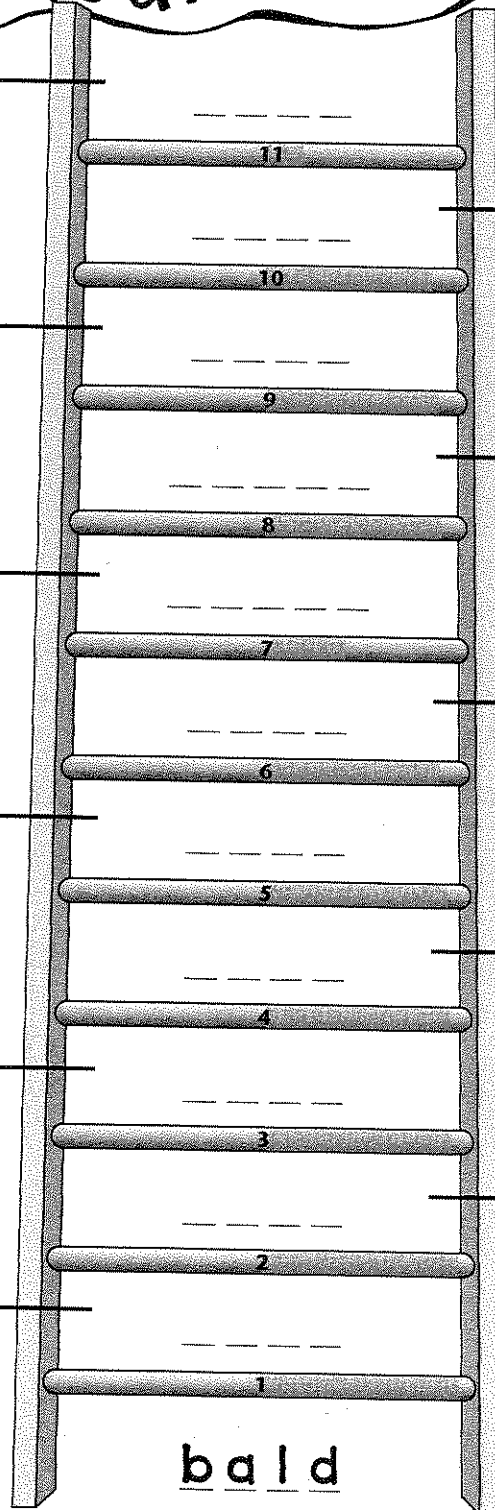
Small balls of ice that fall from the sky.  
**Change one letter.**

Shows an action that will take place in the future. I \_\_\_\_ go.  
**Change one letter.**

To exchange something for money.  
**Change one letter.**

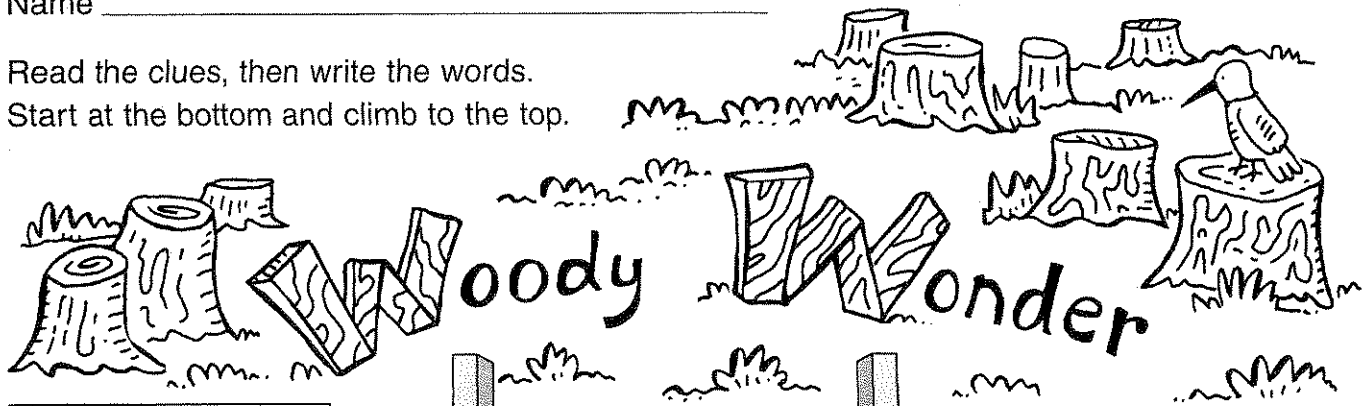
A male cow.  
**Change one letter.**

To drop or descend.  
**Change one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



This comes from trees.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

11

A covering for the head.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

10

The noise made by  
an owl.  
**Change one letter.**


\_\_\_\_\_

9

A large ring, like a  
hula \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Change one  
letter.**


\_\_\_\_\_

8

 A house for chickens.  
**Take away the first  
two letters, then add  
one.**

\_\_\_\_\_

7

 A type of sailboat.  
**Change two vowels.**

\_\_\_\_\_

6

What you do when  
you're tired.  
**Add one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

5

To flow or trickle slowly.  
**Take away one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

4

An animal that gives wool.  
**Take away one vowel,  
then add two.**

\_\_\_\_\_

3

A large boat.  
**Change one letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_

2

A small piece of wood  
or stone.  
**Change one letter.**

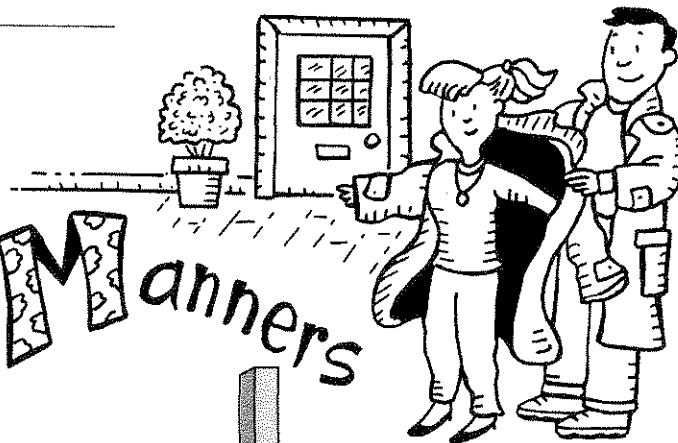
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1

chop

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Mind Your Manners



A polite expression.  
**Add one letter.**

To rest your body  
against something for  
support.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

Another name for  
a flying machine.  
**Add one letter.**

A heavy, thick board.  
**Change one consonant.**

Captain and private are  
\_\_\_\_s in the military.  
**Change the first letter.**

To express gratitude.  
**Take away one word.**

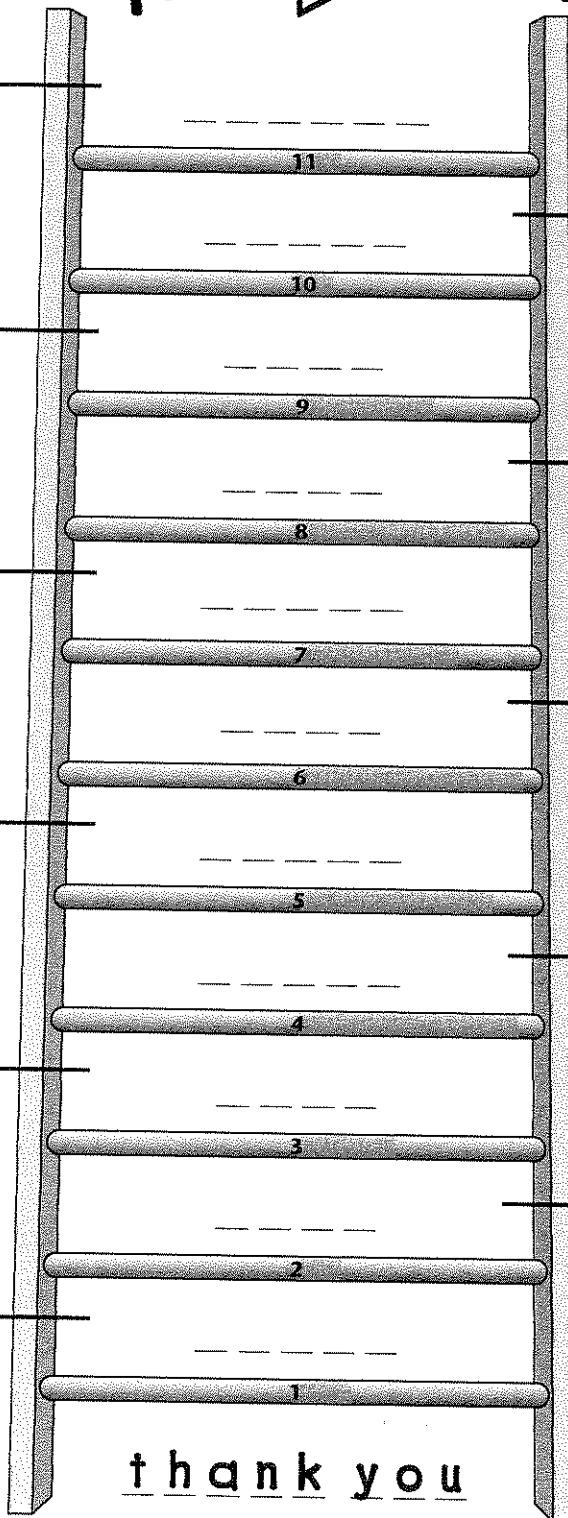
A contract that lets you  
rent someone else's  
possessions.  
**Take away the last  
letter, then add two.**

Another name for street  
or road.  
**Take away one letter.**

A program of action  
to achieve a goal.  
**Take away one letter.**

A mischievous trick.  
**Add one letter.**

A container used to hold  
liquid or gas.  
**Take away one letter.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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



# And the Winner Is...



One who is the champ.  
**Change one letter.**

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9

The evening meal.  
**Take away two letters, then add one.**

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8

One who twirls something around quickly.  
**Add three letters.**

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7

To twirl around quickly.  
**Change one letter.**

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6



Part of the leg below the knee.  
**Change the first letter.**

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5

Part of your face.  
**Change one letter.**

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4

A small piece of wood or stone.  
**Take away one letter.**

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3

Short for *chimpanzee*.  
**Change one letter.**

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2

To bite down hard.  
**Change one letter.**

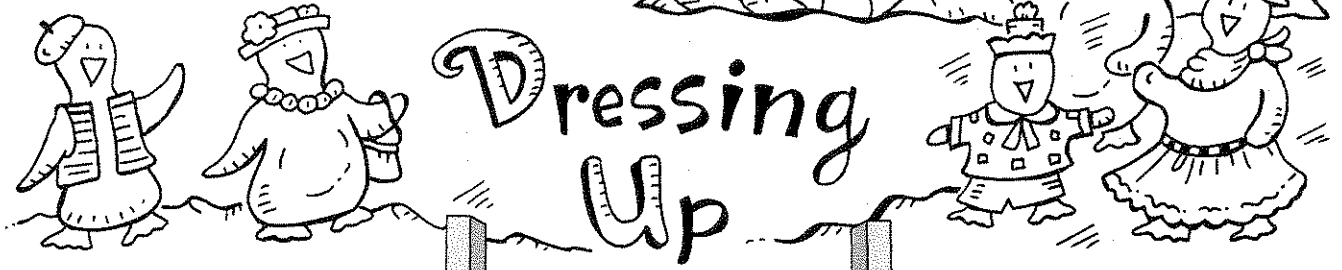
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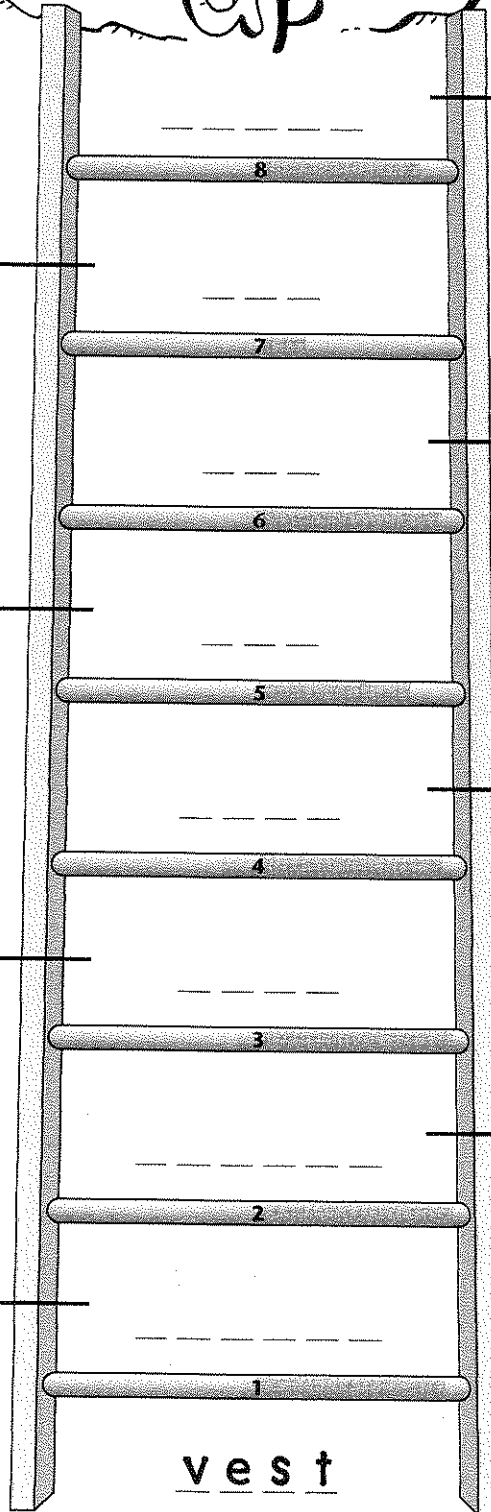


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# Dressing Up



A container for cooking.  
**Change one letter.**

A piece of clothing.  
**Add two letters to the end.**

After nine comes \_\_\_\_.  
**Take away one letter.**

An instrument for writing.  
**Change one letter.**

An opening for fumes or steam to escape.  
**Take away two letters.**

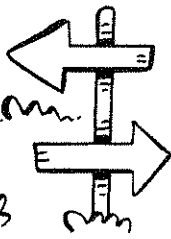
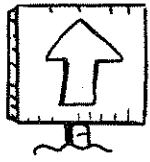
A kind of shelter used when camping.  
**Change one letter.**

To give your money to a company so it will earn more.  
**Add two letters to the beginning of the word.**

To create or make up new things.  
**Change one letter.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Opposite direction of north.  
**Rearrange the letters.**

To call out loudly.  
**Take away the first letter, then add two.**

A vessel for traveling on water.  
**Take away one letter.**

A type of wild pig.  
**Take away one letter.**

Another name for a poet.  
**Change one letter.**

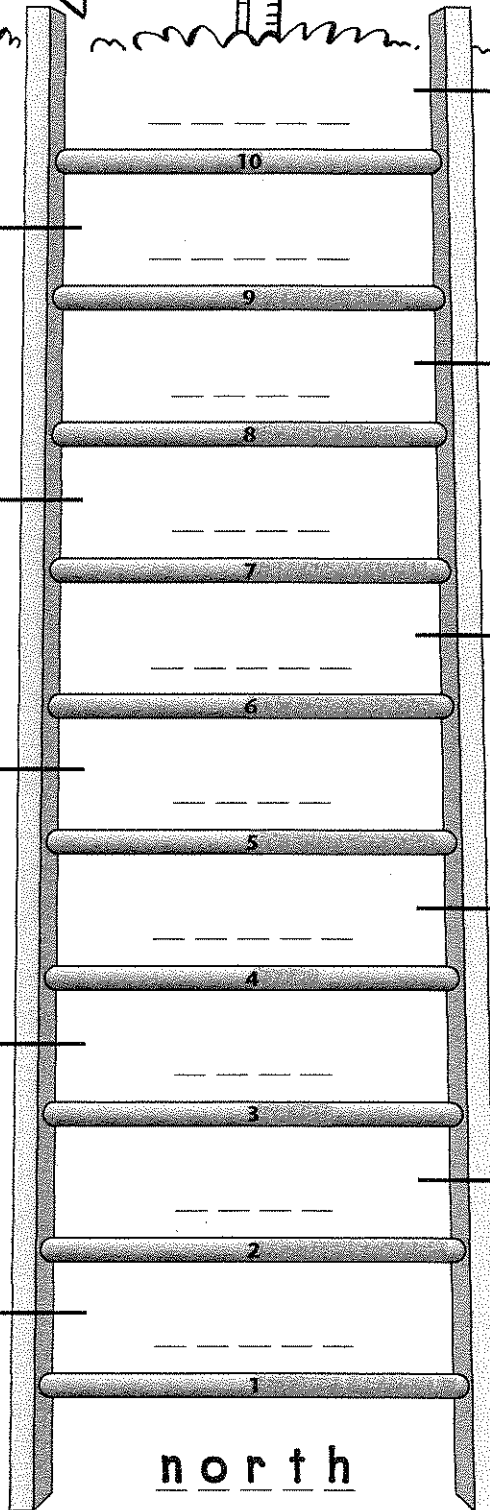
The beginning of a person's life.  
**Change the first two letters.**

A struggle. I had another \_\_\_\_ with the flu last winter.  
**Change the second vowel.**

To brag.  
**Take away the last letter, then add two.**

A long piece of sawed lumber or wood.  
**Add one letter.**

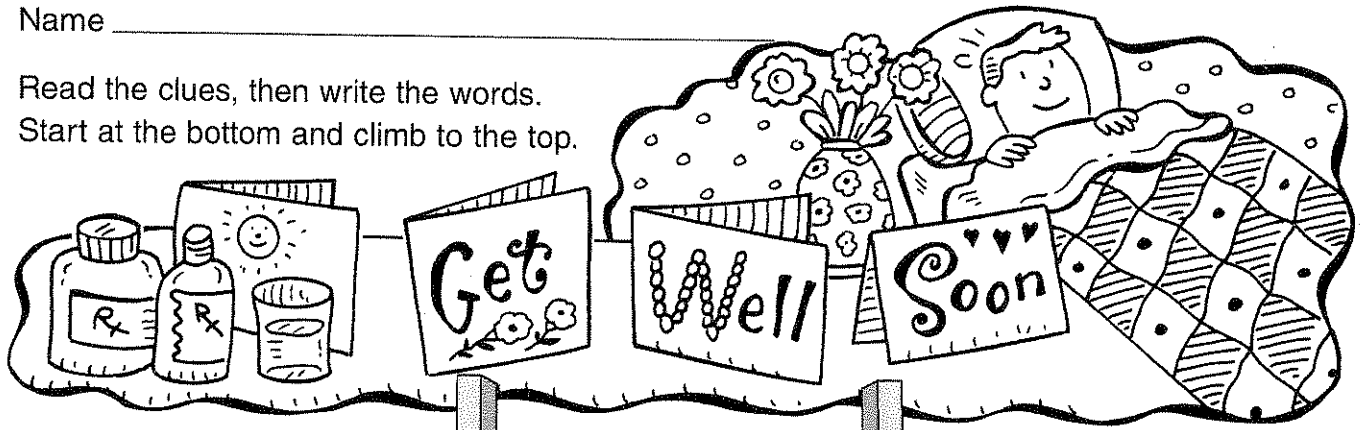
An animal that flies.  
**Take away the last two letters, then add one.**



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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The opposite of sick.  
Change one letter.

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9

The side of a room  
or building.  
Change one letter.

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8

Not short.  
Change the last  
two letters.

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7

A short nail with a  
large, flat head.  
Change one letter.

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6

A framework for holding  
or hanging things.  
Take away one letter.

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5

Trains run on a \_\_\_\_.  
Change one letter.

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4

To fool or cheat someone.  
Add one letter.

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3

Short for "Richard."  
Change one letter.

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2

To choose.  
Change one letter.

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1

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# Answer Key



## **Eat Your Vegetables, page 7**

vegetable, table, stable, stab, slab, slob,  
slosh, slash, dash, dish, radish

## **Money Matters, page 8**

nickel, pickle, pick, pink, stink, sting, sing,  
sang, sane, same, dame, dime

## **Outerwear, page 9**

sweater, sweat, sweet, sweeten, ten, ton,  
stone, notes, not, jot, jock, Jack, jacket

## **Behind the Wheel, page 10**

car, scar, scare, share, sharp, harp, hare,  
dare, Dave, dive, diver, driver

## **Give a Little, page 11**

give, live, liver, diver, dive, hive, have,  
shave, shake, snake, stake, take

## **Things That Go Bump in the Night, page 12**

vampire, expire, retire, tire, fire, fine, tine,  
tone, ton, ten, net, bet, bat

## **Toothsome, page 13**

tooth, toot, soot, soon, son, Don, don't,  
dent, dentist

## **Say Cheese, page 14**

picture, capture, cap, cape, escape, estate,  
state, taste, haste, hate, hat, hot, photo

## **Hat Head, page 15**

hat, hate, haste, waste, aster, asterisk, risk,  
disk, duck, luck, lack, lap, cap

## **In the Money, page 16**

million, billion, lion, stallion, stall, still,  
till, tall, toll, doll, dollar

## **Meet and Greet, page 17**

convention, invention, intention, tension,  
pension, suspension, suspense, suspend,  
spend, speed, seed, meet, meeting

## **Cool Drinks, page 18**

ice, Alice, malice, chalice, chalk, stalk, talk,  
walk, walker, water

## **Stars and Stripes, page 19**

country, county, count, aunt, tuna, tundra,  
drain, rain, rail, nail, nation

## **In My Room, page 20**

bed, bled, red, read, bread, break, brook,  
brood, broom, boom, room

## **Sleepytime, page 21**

pillow, pill, fill, fall, tall, talk, tank, bank,  
blank, blanket

## **Giving Thanks, page 22**

grateful, grate, gate, gateway, getaway,  
away, awful, thankful

## **Express Mail, page 23**

deliver, liver, live, line, lime, slime, slim,  
slam, Sam, sad, sand, send

## **Stormy Days, page 24**

rain, ran, raw, war, wore, swore, sword,  
words, word, lord, loud, cloud

## **Official Officers, page 25**

private, pirate, irate, rate, grate, generate,  
generation, generally, general

## **Bucket Brigade, page 26**

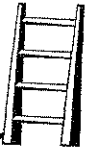
bucket, buck, duck, duct, conduct, conduc-  
tor, doctor, dock, mock, Mick, pick, pack,  
pail

## **Sweet Things, page 27**

caramel, camel, came, cane, sane, same,  
seam, seat, sweat, sweet

## **Here to There, page 28**

march, Mars, mare, more, wore, were,  
where, here, hire, hare, ware, wart, walk

**Good Eating, page 29**

digest, diet, die, dim, dam, mad, made,  
mat, eat

**That's Entertainment, page 30**

television, vision, visit, sit, set, seat, heat,  
hat, rat, ratio, radio

**All Is Forgiven, page 31**

forgive, give, live, liver, liter, later, lather,  
gather, together, get, forget

**Go, Go, Go, page 32**

automobile, mobile, mob, cob, cot, Scot,  
scat, scab, cab, car

**All in the Family, page 33**

uncle, unclear, nuclear, clear, learn, earn,  
earnest, ear, are, art, ant, aunt

**Give a Dog a Bone, page 34**

dog, dig, din, ding, ring, wring, bring, big,  
bag, bang, bong, bone

**Dinner's Ready, page 35**

vegetable, table, cable, cab, baby, ban, fan,  
fat, fate, mate, meat

**Happy Birthday, page 36**

birthday, birth, both, bath, wrath, wreath,  
wreck, rock, rack, rake, cake

**Chew on This, page 37**

bite, bit, but, hut, shut, shot, shop, hop,  
chop, chow, chew

**Peaks and Valleys, page 38**

high, sigh, sight, right, rig, rag, raw, saw,  
law, low

**A Rose Is a Rose, page 39**

flower, lower, low, slow, slot, lot, not, knot,  
note, nose, rose

**Childhood, page 40**

child, mild, mind, wind, win, pin, spin,  
span, pan, pad, dad, did, kid

**Cheese Eaters, page 41**

mouse, house, hose, chose, chase, base,  
bash, bath, bat, rat

**Frosty Fun, page 42**

snow, now, not, dot, dog, dig, ding, king,  
kin, win, winter

**Seaworthy, page 43**

ocean, bean, bead, beard, heard, heart,  
heat, seat, seal, sea

**Sew Sew, page 44**

sew, sell, sill, still, skill, kill, kilt, wilt, wit,  
witch, itch, stitch

**Save Your Pennies, page 45**

penny, pen, nope, open, spend, speed,  
seed, send, sent, cent

**Right or Wrong, page 46**

true, blue, clue, club, cub, hub, hum, ham,  
hall, fall, false

**Precipitation Puzzle, page 47**

rain, chain, chin, shin, shine, shingle,  
single, sing, wing, whip, wrap, crop, drop

**Snow Day, page 48**

blizzard, lizard, liar, rail, rain, grain, grin,  
grow, row, now, snow

**Winter Wear, page 49**

coat, coal, coil, oil, lion, stallion, talon,  
alone, lone, love, gloves

**Out of This World, page 50**

Venus, vent, sent, spent, pen, men, man,  
can, car, mar, Mars

**Fried Snacks, page 51**

french, trench, wrench, wren, renew,  
newer, fewer, fee, free, fry

**Candlelight, page 52**

candle, handle, hand, hard, shard, share,  
hare, fare, flare, flame

**Car Trouble, page 53**

flat, inflate, late, slate, tales, tiles, tile,  
time, tide, tire

**Play Date, page 54**

play, plan, plane, plates, staple, stable,  
able, amble, ramble, rumble, humble,  
hum, chum

**Beautiful Day, page 55**

blue, clue, glue, glee, flee, flea, flew, fly, sly,  
sky

**Ruling the Roost, page 56**

rooster, roost, roast, toast, coast, cast, cat,  
hat, hit, chick, chicken

**New and Not-So-New, page 57**

new, few, dew, sew, sow, now, how, show,  
shown, own, owl, old

**Midday Meal, page 58**

lunch, launch, laundry, dry, day, say, sap,  
sip, sipper, supper

**Growing Up, page 59**

short, shore, shoe, show, slow, plow, blow,  
below, belong, long

**Wedding Words, page 60**

bride, stride, ride, rid, rod, rode, road,  
roam, room, groom

**Friendship, page 61**

friend, end, send, sent, set, bet, but, cut,  
cute, chute, chum

**Rub-a-Dub-Dub, page 62**

scrub, rub, rib, crib, cob, rob, throb, broth,  
both, bath

**Underwater, page 63**

dive, dime, chime, chimp, champ, ham,  
hum, hub, cub, Cuba, scuba

**Hear This, page 64**

scream, cream, cram, cramp, ramp, ram,  
rat, rot, trot, trout, shout

**Brainy Bird, page 65**

eagle, beagle, bagel, bugle, bungle, bundle,  
candle, handle, hand, Hank, hack, hawk

**Itchy and Scratchy, page 66**

itch, inch, pinch, punch, lunch, hunch,  
hutch, hitch, pitch, patch, catch, scratch

**Drinking Vessels, page 67**

glass, lass, last, least, yeast, year, bear, beep,  
jeep, jump, slump, pump, cup

**Good Books, page 68**

story, store, ore, chore, core, bore, bone,  
boo, book

**Land of the Free, page 69**

liberty, tribe, bride, pride, ride, rid, red,  
read, reed, freed, freedom

**Corny!, page 70**

maize, maze, made, jade, jab, job, cob,  
con, coin, corn

**School Days, page 71**

school, cool, coal, cola, cold, scold, sold,  
hold, hole, home

**Jobs for Grownups, page 72**

teacher, teach, each, ache, acre, care, pare,  
parent



### **Ship Shape, page 73**

navy, naval, novel, shovel, shove, shave, shape, share, shame, ham, him, hip, ship

### **Suppertime, page 74**

supper, super, sugar, rag, drag, drug, dug, dig, din, diner, dinner

### **Just a Spoonful, page 75**

sweet, sweat, seat, heat, hut, gut, tug, chug, hug, rug, shrug, sugar

### **Flower Power, page 76**

petal, pedal, penal, panel, pane, pave, shave, shove, show, how, low, flow, flower

### **24 Hours, page 77**

night, might, right, bright, big, jig, jag, jay, day

### **Horse Sense, page 78**

colt, cost, host, most, mast, mart, mare, more, Morse, horse

### **Voting Booth, page 79**

ballot, ball, ballet, let, lot, tote, note, vote

### **Sailing, page 80**

sail, snail, ail, aim, claim, clam, calm, palm, pal, pat, cat, coat, boat

### **Bunny Tales, page 81**

rabbit, bit, bat, fat, far, car, scar, scare, care, hare

### **Good Hare Day, page 82**

hare, share, sharp, harp, carp, card, bard, bare, bar, bat, but, bun, bunny

### **Very Fishy, page 83**

minnow, window, wind, win, wine, whine, shine, shrine, shrimp

### **Beasts of Burden, page 84**

horse, shore, chore, core, more, mere, mare, care, came, camel

### **Apple for Teacher, page 85**

faculty, faulty, fault, felt, fell, tell, tall, tam, team, teach

### **Art Smart, page 86**

art, part, park, pack, tack, talk, tall, mall, all, alley, galley, gallery

### **Uphill, page 87**

mountain, mount, mound, found, hound, hind, hint, hunt, hull, hill

### **Globe Guessing, page 88**

south, mouth, out, shout, pout, pot, port, pore, pole

### **Fish Wish, page 89**

sturgeon, surgeon, surge, splurge, purge, purse, pure, cure, core, fire, fir, fit, fish

### **From the Ground Up, page 90**

reconstruct, construct, instruct, destruct, distract, distrust, trust, brush, bush, bud, build, rebuild

### **Strength Training, page 91**

weak, week, weed, reed, read, road, roach, coach, couch, touch, tough

### **Getting the Message, page 92**

message, massage, mass, miss, mist, wrist, west, nest, net, not, note

### **Medal Winners, page 93**

gold, golf, gulf, gull, pull, hull, heel, her, herb, verb, silver

### **Fading Light, page 94**

light, right, sight, sigh, sign, sick, sack, pack, park, dark



**Auto Adventures, page 95**

driver, river, diver, divert, dive, Dave, date, dare, care, car

**Where the Heart Is, page 96**

phone, honey, money, monkey, key, Ken, hen, he, hoe, home

**Quick Wit, page 97**

bright, fright, right, rig, rug, rag, ram, mar, Mars, mart, smart

**My Family, page 98**

mom, mob, sob, cob, cub, cab, lab, jab, dab, dad

**Family Ties, page 99**

mother, other, bother, brother, broth, both, moth, math, bath, bather, father

**Greener Pastures, page 100**

pasture, paste, past, fast, cast, cost, post, most, mast, mash, gash, gas, grass

**Fur Facts, page 101**

bald, ball, fall, full, bull, bell, sell, shell, shall, hall, hail, hair

**Woody Wonder, page 102**

chop, chip, ship, sheep, seep, sleep, sloop, coop, hoop, hoot, hood, wood

**Mind Your Manners, page 103**

thank you, thank, tank, rank, prank, plank, plan, plane, lane, lean, lease, please

**And the Winner Is . . . , page 104**

champ, chomp, chimp, chip, chin, shin, spin, spinner, dinner, winner

**Dressing Up, page 105**

vest, invest, invent, vent, tent, ten, pen, pan, pants

**Directions, page 106**

north, birth, bird, bard, board, boar, boast, boat, bout, shout, south

**Get Well Soon, page 107**

sick, pick, Rick, trick, track, rack, tack, tall, wall, well

