

# Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0419: Change **DIRTY** into **CLEAN** in 16 steps or less.

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|     | <b>D</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>Y</b> | Covered in dirt; befouled; contaminated, lewd; tainted; dishonourable.                                  |
| 1.  | D        | I        | R        | T        | <b>S</b> | Plural of <i>dirt</i> , any type of soil or excrement; 3rd p. sing. of <i>dirt</i> , to soil or befoul. |
| 2.  | D        | <b>A</b> | R        | T        | S        | Plural of <i>dart</i> , an arrow or small pointed projectile.   |
| 3.  | <b>T</b> | A        | R        | T        | S        | Plural of <i>tart</i> , a small flan or open pastry.  |
| 4.  | T        | <b>O</b> | R        | T        | S        | Plural of <i>tort</i> , a breach of contract.   |
| 5.  | T        | O        | <b>O</b> | T        | S        | Plural of <i>toot</i> , a short blast of a whistle or wind instrument, or similar sound.                |
| 6.  | <b>C</b> | O        | O        | T        | S        | Plural of <i>coot</i> , a waterfowl.  |
| 7.  | C        | O        | <b>A</b> | T        | S        | Plural of <i>coat</i> , an outer garment or protective covering.  |
| 8.  | C        | <b>L</b> | A        | T        | S        | Food waste used as animal fodder; slops; swill.   |
| 9.  | C        | L        | A        | <b>S</b> | S        | A set of things grouped with common attributes or for a common purpose.                                 |
| 10. | C        | <b>R</b> | A        | S        | S        | Obviously stupid or inconsiderate.  |
| 11. | C        | R        | <b>E</b> | S        | S        | Any of various fresh herbs used as a garnish or dressing or eaten as sprouts.                           |
| 12. | C        | R        | E        | S        | <b>T</b> | A summit or ridge; the uppermost part; a decorative top piece.  |
| 13. | C        | <b>H</b> | E        | S        | T        | The upper part of the torso; a large box or trunk.  |
| 14. | C        | H        | E        | <b>A</b> | T        | To violate rules or act dishonestly for advantage; to avoid consequences.                               |
| 15. | C        | <b>L</b> | E        | A        | T        | A fixture or device for securing a rope; a stud on the sole of a boot or shoe (US).                     |
| 16. | <b>C</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>N</b> | Free from dirt or impurities; sterile; empty; uncontaminated; to make clean.                            |

Puzzle 0420: Turn **MUCKY** into **SHINY** in 9 steps or less.

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|    | <b>M</b> | <b>U</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>Y</b> | Dirty; covered in dirt; befouled; lewd.  |
| 1. | M        | U        | C        | K        | <b>S</b> | 3rd p. sing. of <i>muck</i> , to shovel muck or clean out.   |
| 2. | M        | <b>O</b> | C        | K        | S        | 3rd p. sing. of <i>mock</i> , to imitate, parody, taunt or make fun of.                                      |
| 3. | <b>C</b> | O        | C        | K        | S        | Plural of <i>cock</i> , a male bird or a valve; 3rd p. sing. of <i>cock</i> , raise up or put into position. |
| 4. | C        | O        | <b>R</b> | K        | S        | Plural of <i>cork</i> , a press-fitting closure for a container.   |
| 5. | C        | O        | R        | <b>N</b> | S        | Plural of <i>corn</i> , seed of a cereal plant, hard skin overlaying inflammation on foot.                   |
| 6. | C        | O        | <b>I</b> | N        | S        | Plural of <i>coin</i> , a monetary token; 3rd p. sing. of <i>coin</i> , to make money.                       |
| 7. | C        | <b>H</b> | I        | N        | S        | Plural of <i>chin</i> , the tip of the jaw.  |
| 8. | <b>S</b> | H        | I        | N        | S        | Plural of <i>shin</i> , front of lower leg; 3rd p. sing. of <i>shin</i> , to climb a vertical pole or rope.  |
| 9. | <b>S</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>I</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>Y</b> | Bright; reflective; clear; clean; polished.  |