

Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0445: Change from **WHEAT** to **MAIZE** in 19 steps or less.

	W	H	E	A	T
1.	W	H	E	A	L
2.	S	H	E	A	L
3.	S	H	E	L	L
4.	S	P	E	L	L
5.	S	P	I	L	L
6.	S	P	I	L	E
7.	S	P	I	T	E
8.	S	P	I	T	S
9.	S	P	O	T	S
10.	S	O	O	T	S
11.	B	O	O	T	S
12.	B	O	L	T	S
13.	B	A	L	T	S
14.	B	A	L	L	S
15.	B	A	I	L	S
16.	M	A	I	L	S
17.	M	A	I	N	S
18.	M	A	I	N	E
19.	M	A	I	Z	E

Any of the cereal plants on the genus *Triticum spelta* or its grain; corn (UK).
A small swelling or raised lesion on the skin; a round welt.
A shieling; summer pasture; shepherds' summer encampment or hut.
Hard outer covering, casing or carapace; explosive munition; to bombard with shells.
To enunciate the letters of words; a cantrip or charm; a period of activity; a splinter.
Cause liquid to overflow or escape; escape of contents; a taper; a spile.
A thin tapered wooden bung; a spigot or tap.
Hatred or malevolence; to treat maliciously; to offend.
3rd p. sing. of *spit*, eject saliva or sputum from mouth. Plural of *spit*, long thin rod.
Plural of *spot*, small area of different appearance, or place; 3rd p. sing. of *spot*, see.
Plural of *soot*, substance produced by fire, 3rd p. sing. of *soot*, to cover in soot.
Plural of *boot*, a heavy closed shoe; 3rd p. sing. of *boot*, to kick, to dismiss (colloq.).
Plural of *bolt*, a metal part used to fasten or lock; 3rd p. sing. of *bolt*, fasten, flee.
Plural of *balt*, a person of descent from one of the nations around the Baltic Sea.
Plural of *ball*, a rounded object used in games, or a dinner-dance.
Plural of *bail*, a bar, e.g. on a wicket; 3rd p. sing. of *bail*, to pay surety for a person.
3rd p. sing. of *mail*, to send through a postal service.
Networked utility supply, usually electricity; the principal savoury course of a meal.
US state in New England; river in France, tributary of the Loire.
Cereal crop, *zea mays*; corn (US).

Puzzle 0446: Turn a **BRUSH** into a **BROOM** in 11 steps or less.

	B	R	U	S	H
1.	C	R	U	S	H
2.	C	R	A	S	H
3.	C	R	A	S	S
4.	B	R	A	S	S
5.	B	R	A	N	S
6.	B	R	A	N	D
7.	B	L	A	N	D
8.	B	L	O	N	D
9.	B	L	O	O	D
10.	B	L	O	O	M
11.	B	R	O	O	M

A tool with many bristles or fibres used to clean, apply a coating or disentangle.
To squash, compact or break by applying pressure; to defeat easily.
A destructive collision; a catastrophic failure.
Obviously stupid or inconsiderate.
An alloy of copper and zinc.
Plural of *bran*, powder made from the outer layer of cereal grain.
An identifiable product or product family; an identification mark applied by heat.
Lacking distinctive characteristics or taste; dull; uninteresting.
Fair haired; light coloured; a fair haired male.
Bodily fluid principally carrying oxygen throughout the body; genetic relationship.
Blossom or flower; surface colouring or dusting; to blossom or flower.
A brush with a long handle; one of many shrubs in the tribe *Genisteae*.