

Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0449: Get **OATHS** to **SWEAR** in 17 steps or less.

	O	A	T	H	S	Plural of <i>oath</i> , a promise, pledge or curse.
1.	B	A	T	H	S	Plural of <i>bath</i> , a bathtub, swimming pool, or facility for bathing.
2.	B	A	T	E	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>bate</i> , reduce strength; Plural of <i>bate</i> , used to remove hair in tanning.
3.	B	A	L	E	S	Plural of <i>bale</i> , a large roughly cubic bundle of fibre, e.g. hay, straw, or wool.
4.	B	O	L	E	S	Plural of <i>bole</i> , a tree trunk or main stem of a woody plant.
5.	B	O	L	T	S	Plural of <i>bolt</i> , a metal part used to fasten or lock; 3rd p. sing. of <i>bolt</i> , fasten, flee.
6.	B	O	O	T	S	Plural of <i>boot</i> , a heavy closed shoe; 3rd p. sing. of <i>boot</i> , to kick, to dismiss (colloq.).
7.	S	O	O	T	S	Plural of <i>soot</i> , substance produced by fire, 3rd p. sing. of <i>soot</i> , to cover in soot.
8.	S	P	O	T	S	Plural of <i>spot</i> , small area of different appearance, or place; 3rd p. sing. of <i>spot</i> , see.
9.	S	P	I	T	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>spit</i> , eject saliva or sputum from mouth. Plural of <i>spit</i> , long thin rod.
10.	S	P	I	T	E	Hatred or malevolence; to treat maliciously; to offend.
11.	S	P	I	L	E	A thin tapered wooden bung; a spigot or tap.
12.	S	P	I	L	L	Cause liquid to overflow or escape; escape of contents; a taper; a spile.
13.	S	P	E	L	L	To enunciate the letters of words; a cantrip or charm; a period of activity; a splinter.
14.	S	H	E	L	L	Hard outer covering, casing or carapace; explosive munition; to bombard with shells.
15.	S	H	E	A	L	A shieling; summer pasture; shepherds' summer encampment or hut.
16.	S	H	E	A	R	A transverse or lateral displacement; to cut or shave, esp. to remove a fleece.
17.	S	W	E	A	R	To curse; to make an oath; to promise; to use taboo or vulgar words or expressions.

Puzzle 0450: Turn **GIRLS** into **WOMEN** in 17 steps or less.

	G	I	R	L	S	Plural of <i>girl</i> , a female child.
1.	G	I	R	T	S	Plural of <i>girt</i> , a horizontal beam or girder; 3rd p. sing. of <i>girt</i> , to bind with a belt.
2.	G	I	R	T	H	Band which holds a saddle in place; circumference; waist measurement.
3.	B	I	R	T	H	Parturition; emergence of a child from its parent; origin; beginning.
4.	B	E	R	T	H	Bed or sleeping accommodation; mooring, parking or manoeuvring space.
5.	B	E	A	T	H	To dry or heat unseasoned wood to straighten it.
6.	B	E	A	T	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>beat</i> to strike forcefully and repeatedly; Plural of <i>beat</i> , a rhythm.
7.	B	O	A	T	S	Plural of <i>boat</i> , a vessel for transport on or under water.
8.	B	O	L	T	S	Plural of <i>bolt</i> , a metal part used to fasten or lock; 3rd p. sing. of <i>bolt</i> , fasten, flee.
9.	B	O	L	E	S	Plural of <i>bole</i> , a tree trunk or main stem of a woody plant.
10.	R	O	L	E	S	Plural of <i>role</i> , the part played by an actor or duties of a participant.
11.	R	O	T	E	S	Plural of <i>rote</i> , a fixed, prescribed or repetitive process or procedure.
12.	R	O	T	A	S	Plural of <i>rota</i> , a schedule of task or personnel rotation.
13.	R	O	T	A	L	Of or relating to wheels; relating to the <i>Rota</i> court in the Roman Catholic Church.
14.	R	O	M	A	L	A long whip attached to the reins of a horse; a small shawl.
15.	R	O	M	A	N	Of or relating to the Roman Empire or the city of Rome.
16.	W	O	M	A	N	An adult female person.
17.	W	O	M	E	N	Plural of <i>woman</i> , an adult female person.