

Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0453: Get **PATEL** to be **FIRE**D in 5 steps or less.

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| | P | A | T | E | L | |
| 1. | R | A | T | E | L | Surname of Indian origin; surname of the US Director of the FBI in 2025. |
| 2. | R | A | T | E | D | Honey Badger, <i>Mellivora capensis</i> . |
| 3. | F | A | T | E | D | Having been assigned a particular grade or rank; past tense of <i>rate</i> , to grade. |
| 4. | F | A | R | E | D | Predestined; predetermined. |
| 5. | F | I | R | E | D | Past tense of <i>fare</i> , proceed. |
| | F | I | R | E | D | Past tense of <i>fire</i> ; tempered; dismissed. |

Puzzle 0454: Turn **BONDI** into the **COURT** in 13 steps or less.

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| | B | O | N | D | I | |
| 1. | B | O | N | D | S | Surname of the US Attorney General in 2025; famous beach in Australia. |
| 2. | B | A | N | D | S | Plural of <i>bond</i> , a strong connection; 3rd p. sing. of <i>bond</i> , to fix or bind together. |
| 3. | B | A | N | K | S | Plural of <i>band</i> , a strip, stripe or strap; 3rd p. sing. of <i>band</i> , to group together. |
| 4. | B | A | C | K | S | Plural of <i>bank</i> , a steep slope, a financial institution. |
| 5. | B | O | C | K | S | Plural of <i>back</i> , the rear or reverse side; 3rd p. sing of <i>back</i> , to support or reverse. |
| 6. | B | O | O | K | S | Plural of <i>bock</i> , a strong beer; 3rd p. sing of <i>bock</i> , to make a clucking sound, to hinder. |
| 7. | B | O | O | N | S | Plural of <i>book</i> , a bound document for reading or writing. |
| 8. | B | O | U | N | S | Plural of <i>boon</i> , a blessing, benefit or favour. |
| 9. | B | O | U | N | D | 3rd p. sing. of <i>boun</i> to make ready or oblige to carry out a course of action. |
| 10. | M | O | U | N | D | Past tense of <i>bind</i> , to tie together; past tense of <i>boun</i> to make ready or oblige. |
| 11. | M | O | U | N | T | A heaped pile of loose material; a small or artificial hill. |
| 12. | C | O | U | N | T | A hill or mountain; a frame or support; a steed; to attach; to climb upon. |
| 13. | C | O | U | N | T | Tally; enumerate; consider to be an example; a tally; European aristocratic rank. |
| | C | O | U | N | T | Judicial assembly; retinue of a monarch; playing area for racket or net games. |

Puzzle 0455: Turn a **SHARK** into a **WHALE** in 3 steps or less.

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| | S | H | A | R | K | |
| 1. | S | H | A | R | E | One of a group of mainly predatory fish; a money lender or predatory investor. |
| 2. | S | H | A | L | E | To divide equitably; a portion of the whole given or received. |
| 5. | W | H | A | L | E | A soft sedimentary rock. |
| | W | H | A | L | E | A fully aquatic marine mammal. |