

# Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0459: Change a **VIOLA** into a **PANSY** in 11 steps or less.

	V	I	O	L	A	Any plant of the genus <i>Viola</i> ; wild violet; stringed musical instrument.
1.	V	I	L	L	A	Rural or suburban house.
2.	V	I	L	L	S	Plural of <i>vill</i> , a mediaeval administrative unit or tithing.
3.	P	I	L	L	S	Plural of <i>pill</i> , tablet, oral medication, or a powder prepared as a compacted solid.
4.	P	I	L	E	S	Plural of <i>pile</i> , a heap or a pole driven into the ground; haemorrhoids.
5.	P	A	L	E	S	Plural of <i>pale</i> , a fence post, or a region under separate jurisdiction.
6.	P	A	R	E	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>pare</i> , to trim by shaving or cutting surface away.
7.	P	A	R	T	S	Plural of <i>part</i> , a component; 3rd p. sing. of <i>part</i> , to separate.
8.	P	A	R	T	Y	A gathering for a celebration; a group people collaborating for a common purpose.
9.	P	A	T	T	Y	A shaped reconstituted foodstuff; burger; rissole; croquette; meatball.
10.	P	A	T	S	Y	A person who is taken advantage of; a dupe; a scapegoat.
11.	P	A	N	S	Y	Cultivated garden plant descended from <i>Viola Tricolor</i> ; viola, violet or hearts-ease.

Puzzle 0460: Change a **DAISY** into a **PEONY** in 12 steps or less.

	D	A	I	S	Y	<i>Bellis Perennis</i> or other plant with similar shaped flowers; flower heads of daisies.
1.	D	A	I	L	Y	Occurring every day; diurnal.
2.	D	A	L	L	Y	To delay; to waste time; to dawdle.
3.	P	A	L	L	Y	Friendly; attempting intimacy; jocular.
4.	P	A	L	L	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>pall</i> , to disinterest, to dismay, to dishearten.
5.	P	I	L	L	S	Plural of <i>pill</i> , tablet, oral medication, or a powder prepared as a compacted solid.
6.	P	I	L	E	S	Plural of <i>pile</i> , a heap or a pole driven into the ground; haemorrhoids.
7.	P	I	N	E	S	Plural of <i>pine</i> , a coniferous tree; 3rd p. sing. of <i>pine</i> , to yearn or grieve.
8.	P	I	N	K	S	Plural of <i>pink</i> , plant in the genus <i>Dianthus</i> ; 3rd p. sing. of <i>pink</i> , cut a scalloped edge.
9.	P	I	N	K	Y	The little finger; a famous anthropomorphic pig.
10.	P	I	N	N	Y	Abbreviation of <i>pinfore</i> ; an apron; vest or tunic worn over other clothing.
11.	P	E	N	N	Y	Subunit of various currencies; lowest wholly denominated coin, or its value.
12.	P	E	O	N	Y	Any flowering plant in the genus <i>Paeonia</i> .

Puzzle 0461: Turn a **STALK** into **STEMS** in 7 steps or less.

	S	T	A	L	K	The stem of a plant; a peduncle; a stick.
1.	S	T	A	L	E	No longer fresh.
2.	S	H	A	L	E	A soft sedimentary rock.
3.	S	H	A	M	E	Negative emotion arising from a sense of guilt.
4.	S	H	A	M	S	Plural of <i>sham</i> , a fake or a pillowcase (US); 3rd p. sing. of <i>sham</i> , to fake.
5.	S	E	A	M	S	Plural of <i>seam</i> , a stitched or folded join, a stratum of mineral in sedimentary rock.
6.	S	E	E	M	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>seem</i> , to appear or to be perceived as.
7.	S	T	E	M	S	Plural of <i>stem</i> , the stalk of a plant, or a thin supporting member.