

# Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0473: Get **RUBIO** to become **RABID** in 7 steps, and go out into the **WORLD** in another 12.

	R	U	B	I	O	Surname of the US Secretary of State in 2025-26; a famous American gelding.
1.	R	U	S	I	O	A village in Corsica.
2.	R	U	S	I	P	An Indonesian fermented fish sauce; budu.
3.	R	E	S	I	P	To drink again from the same liquid; to take another sip.
4.	R	E	S	I	T	To retake an examination; a repeat examination.
5.	R	E	B	I	T	A maximally entangled quantum bit (qubit); past tense of <i>rebite</i> , to re-etch.
6.	R	E	B	I	D	To bid again; a repeat offer.
7.	R	A	B	I	D	Infected with rabies; furious; raging; fanatical.
8.	R	A	P	I	D	Fast; quick.
9.	R	A	P	E	D	Past tense of <i>rape</i> , to sexually violate, to despoil, to ravage, to destroy.
10.	T	A	P	E	D	Fixed or bound with adhesive tape; past tense of <i>tape</i> , to fix with tape, to record.
11.	T	A	P	E	S	Plural of <i>tape</i> , a thin flexible band; 3rd p. sing. of <i>tape</i> , to fix with tape, to record.
12.	T	A	R	E	S	Plural of <i>tare</i> , a vetch grass, or an empty weight; 3rd p. sing. of <i>tare</i> to set the zero.
13.	T	A	R	T	S	Plural of <i>tart</i> , a small flan or open pastry.
14.	T	O	R	T	S	Plural of <i>tort</i> , a breach of contract.
15.	T	O	O	T	S	Plural of <i>toot</i> , a short blast of a whistle or wind instrument, or similar sound.
16.	T	O	O	L	S	Plural of <i>tool</i> , a piece of equipment; 3rd p. sing. of <i>tool</i> , to equip.
17.	W	O	O	L	S	Plural of <i>wool</i> , fabric, yarn or fibres containing animal hair.
18.	W	O	O	L	D	To reinforce or repair with a rope or chain winding.
19.	W	O	R	L	D	The Earth; the people of the Earth; a planet; the universe; real or virtual existence.

Puzzle 0474: Turn **BANAL** into **VAPID** in 14 steps or less.

	B	A	N	A	L	Common; boring; dull; mundane.
1.	C	A	N	A	L	An artificial waterway; a channel in a body or plant.
2.	C	O	N	A	L	Shaped like a cone; having a similar form to a cone; conic.
3.	M	O	N	A	L	Any of three species of pheasant in the genus <i>Lophophorus</i> .
4.	M	O	N	A	D	A philosophical concept of the primordial unit; a mathematical endofunctor
5.	M	O	N	E	D	Past tense of <i>mone</i> , to admonish.
6.	T	O	N	E	D	Past tense of <i>tone</i> , to shade, to improve definition; having good muscle tone.
7.	T	O	N	E	S	Plural of <i>tone</i> , a sound with a specific timbre, or a colour with a specific shade.
8.	T	I	N	E	S	Plural of <i>tine</i> , the prong of a fork or similarly shaped object.
9.	T	I	R	E	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>tire</i> , to fatigue or exhaust; plural of <i>tire</i> (US), a wheel rim or covering.
10.	T	A	R	E	S	Plural of <i>tare</i> , a vetch grass, or an empty weight; 3rd p. sing. of <i>tare</i> to set the zero.
11.	T	A	P	E	S	Plural of <i>tape</i> , a thin flexible band; 3rd p. sing. of <i>tape</i> , to fix with tape, to record.
12.	T	A	P	E	D	Fixed or bound with adhesive tape; past tense of <i>tape</i> , to fix with tape, to record.
13.	V	A	P	E	D	Past tense of <i>vape</i> , to smoke an electronic cigarette.
14.	V	A	P	I	D	Bland; insipid; dull; banal.