

Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0544: Get the **SMITH** to the **FORGE** in 9 steps or less.

	S	M	I	T	H	
1.	S	M	I	T	E	A person who works metal; a blacksmith; common English surname.
2.	S	P	I	T	E	To hit; to strike; to kill violently; to punish; to afflict.
3.	S	P	I	T	S	Hatred or malevolence; to treat maliciously; to offend.
4.	S	P	O	T	S	3rd p. sing. of <i>spit</i> , eject saliva or sputum from mouth. Plural of <i>spit</i> , long thin rod.
5.	S	O	O	T	S	Plural of <i>spot</i> , small area of different appearance, or place; 3rd p. sing. of <i>spot</i> , see.
6.	S	O	R	T	S	Plural of <i>soot</i> , substance produced by fire, 3rd p. sing. of <i>soot</i> , to cover in soot.
7.	F	O	R	T	S	Plural of <i>sort</i> , type or category; 3rd p. sing. of <i>sort</i> , to put in order or groups.
8.	F	O	R	T	E	Plural of <i>fort</i> , a fortified building or military installation.
9.	F	O	R	G	E	A particular skill or talent.
						To form hot metal; a place where hot metal is worked; a furnace for heating metal.

Puzzle 0545: Get the **STEEL** to the **ANVIL** in 15 steps or less.

	S	T	E	E	L	
1.	S	T	E	L	L	Alloy of iron.
2.	S	T	A	L	L	To fix in position.
3.	S	T	A	L	K	Section of a barn or stable; market stand; seat in a theatre; to cut out.
4.	S	T	A	N	K	The stem of a plant; a peduncle; a stick.
5.	S	T	A	N	D	Past tense of <i>stink</i> , to emit a bad smell, to be dubious, or of extremely bad quality.
6.	S	T	A	I	D	Move or keep upright; keep a fixed position; a booth or kiosk; a support or base.
7.	S	T	A	I	N	Serious in demeanour; sober in habits; prim; not flamboyant.
8.	S	L	A	I	N	A discoloured area; a blemish; a dye.
9.	A	L	A	I	N	Killed; slaughtered; past participle of <i>slay</i> , to kill; people who have been killed.
10.	A	L	V	I	N	Genus of crabs in the family <i>Pinnotheridae</i> ; popular award winning floribunda rose.
11.	A	N	V	I	N	Deep-sea submersible named after Allyn C. Vine; male given name.
12.	A	N	V	I	L	A village in northern France; surname of Hans Peter Anvin, SYSLINUX developer.
						A heavy metal block used as a template in forging metal; a striking plate; the <i>incus</i> .

Puzzle 0546: Turn a **FLAME** into a **BLAST** in only 3 steps.

	F	L	A	M	E	
1.	B	L	A	M	E	Self-contained region of hot light emitting gases created during combustion.
2.	B	L	A	S	E	Culpability; responsibility for a negative outcome; censure; to accuse; to censure.
3.	B	L	A	S	T	Unimpressed; indifferent; jaded.
						An explosion; violent emission of fluid; a short loud noise; to make or cause a <i>blast</i> .