Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0549: Get the **LOONY** to become **CRAZY** in 14 steps or less.

	L	**O**	**O**	**N**	**Y**	A lunatic (colloq.); an eccentric or foolish person; insane; absurd; silly.
1.	L	O	O	N	S	Plural of *loon*, a diving waterbird.
2.	L	O	O	T	S	3rd p. sing. of *loot*, to plunder or pillage.
3.	B	O	O	T	S	Plural of *boot*, a heavy closed shoe; 3rd p. sing. of *boot*, to kick, to dismiss (colloq.).
4.	B	O	A	T	S	Plural of *boat*, a vessel for transport on or under water.
5.	B	E	A	T	S	3rd p. sing. of *beat* to strike forcefully and repeatedly; Plural of *beat,* a rhythm.
6.	B	E	A	M	S	Plural of *beam*, a horizontal structural support, a ray.
7.	T	E	A	M	S	Plural of *team*, a group of people working or playing together for a common goal.
8.	T	R	A	M	S	Plural of *tram*, a vehicle on a light rail operating in other vehicle and foot traffic.
9.	T	R	A	P	S	Plural of *trap*, a device or stratagem for catching, holding or hindering progress.
10.	T	R	A	P	E	To walk about aimlessly or tiredly; to drag; to traipse.
11.	G	R	A	P	E	A vine berry which grows in bunches used to make wine or eaten fresh or dried.
12.	G	R	A	Z	E	Abrasion; to abrade; to strike a glancing blow.
13.	C	R	A	Z	E	To create a network of fine cracks; to drive insane; a fad
14.	**C**	**R**	**A**	**Z**	**Y**	Insane; mad.

Puzzle 0550: Get the **SCREW** to be **LOOSE** in 15 steps or less.

	S	**C**	**R**	**E**	**W**	A fastener with an external helical thread; to drive forward by rotation.
1.	S	H	R	E	W	Any small mammal in the family *Soricidae*, or similar mammal; a scold or a nag.
2.	S	H	R	E	D	To rip or break into unrecognisable fragments; a small piece or quantity; a fragment.
3.	S	I	R	E	D	Past tense of *sire*, to father
4.	T	I	R	E	D	Past tense of *tire*, to fatigue or exhaust; fatigued; sleepy; exhausted; worn-out.
5.	T	I	R	E	S	3rd p. sing. of *tire*, to fatigue or exhaust; plural of *tire* (US), a wheel rim or covering.
6.	T	A	R	E	S	Plural of *tare*, a vetch grass, or an empty weight; 3rd p. sing. of *tare* to set the zero.
7.	T	A	R	T	S	Plural of *tart*, a small flan or open pastry.
8.	T	O	R	T	S	Plural of *tort*, a breach of contract.
9.	F	O	R	T	S	Plural of *fort*, a fortified building or military installation.
10.	F	O	R	T	E	A particular skill or talent.
11.	F	O	R	G	E	To form hot metal; a place where hot metal is worked; a furnace for heating metal.
12.	G	O	R	G	E	A steep sided river valley; to over-eat; to eat greedily.
13.	G	O	R	S	E	A thorny shrub with yellow flowers.
14.	G	O	O	S	E	Bird traditionally eaten at Christmas before the introduction of Turkey.
15.	**L**	**O**	**O**	**S**	**E**	Slack; poorly fixed; unpackaged; not compacted; imprecise; vague.

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