# Word Ladder

Solutions with Word Definitions

Puzzle 0551: Turn the **FABLE** into a **STORY** in 21 steps or less.

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| | **F** | **A** | **B** | **L** | **E** | A story with a moral or allegorical meaning; a legend. |
| 1. | T | A | B | L | E | A piece of furniture with a flat top; a matrix of data; tabula; propose for discussion. |
| 2. | T | A | B | L | A | A tuned pair of hand drums. |
| 3. | N | A | B | L | A | The mathematical symbol for a gradient or derivative; the *del* operator. |
| 4. | N | A | B | I | A | A pre-Roman Iberian goddess. |
| 5. | N | A | B | I | D | Any insect in the family of damsel bugs, *Nabidae*. |
| 6. | R | A | B | I | D | Infected with rabies; furious; raging; fanatical. |
| 7. | R | A | P | I | D | Fast; quick. |
| 8. | R | A | P | E | D | Past tense of *rape*, to sexually violate, to despoil, to ravage, to destroy. |
| 9. | R | O | P | E | D | Past tense of *rope*, catch, bind, or ensnare. |
| 10. | R | O | P | E | S | Plural of *rope*, cable of twisted cords; 3rd p. sing. of *rope*, catch, bind, or ensnare. |
| 11. | R | O | L | E | S | Plural of *role*, the part played by an actor or duties of a participant. |
| 12. | B | O | L | E | S | Plural of *bole*, a tree trunk or main stem of a woody plant. |
| 13. | B | O | L | T | S | Plural of *bolt*, a metal part used to fasten or lock; 3rd p. sing. of *bolt,* fasten, flee. |
| 14. | B | O | A | T | S | Plural of *boat*, a vessel for transport on or under water. |
| 15. | B | E | A | T | S | 3rd p. sing. of *beat* to strike forcefully and repeatedly; Plural of *beat,* a rhythm. |
| 16. | S | E | A | T | S | Plural of *seat*, surface or location where a person, object or organisation sits. |
| 17. | S | E | A | R | S | 3rd p. sing. of *sear,* to scorch or burn on the outside. |
| 18. | S | T | A | R | S | Plural of *star*, a celestial object, a celebrity, a graphic design with radiating points. |
| 19. | S | T | A | R | E | To continually look with concentration or without blinking. |
| 20. | S | T | O | R | E | A place where goods are kept or sold; a supply of goods; to keep a supply. |
| 21. | **S** | **T** | **O** | **R** | **Y** | A narrative. |

Puzzle 0552: Get the **FAIRY** into the **TALES** in 6 steps or less.

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| | **F** | **A** | **I** | **R** | **Y** | One of the *Tuatha dé Dannan*, *Tylwyth Teg* or *Fair Folk*. |
| 1. | F | A | I | R | S | Plural of *fair*, an annual market or travelling carnival. |
| 2. | F | A | I | L | S | 3rd p. sing of *fail,* to be unsuccessful. |
| 3. | F | A | L | L | S | 3rd p. sing of *fall*, to move under the influence of gravity. |
| 4. | M | A | L | L | S | Plural of *mall*, a shopping centre, pedestrian precinct, boulevard or esplanade. |
| 5. | M | A | L | E | S | Plural of *male*, a person or animal of male gender or male sex. |
| 6. | **T** | **A** | **L** | **E** | **S** | Plural of *tale*, a narrative, report or rumour. |

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