

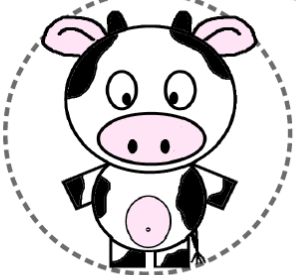
♥ Freebie! ♥ Word Building Mats

Grades 3, 4, 5

Card #
7A

Can You Change the Cow?
Going in either direction, change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

COW



_____ what you do using boat
paddles

_____ done at this time

_____ W food not cooked

_____ † to object to doing
something

r _____ a mouse type animal

_____ to decay

Go Around the Circle in Either
Direction to Make a New Word!

Card # 6N Can You Change This Boat?
Going in either direction, change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

boat

e _ _ _
to win in a race

a thick clothing

worn around the waist

a baby horse

b _ _ _
to dash

Can You Change This Boat?
one letter in each word to form a new word.

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to win in a race

For Example...

The "Word Building Mat" can be completed in either the clock-wise direction (as the arrow points) OR the counter-clockwise direction.

If using the "Answer Building Sheet," answers will be recorded in the clock-wise direction.

Card # 6N Can You Change This Boat?
Going in either direction, change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

boat

beat
to win in a race

coat
a thick clothing

worn around the waist

colt
a baby horse

bolt
to dash

About “Word Building Mats”:

Word ladders are a fun way for students to practice spelling, word recognition, decoding, phonics, problem solving and vocabulary. It's one activity that reinforces learning of multiple common core standards, and is a great brain exercise in language arts! The worksheets would be appropriate for use in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades. Some sheets are more difficult than others.

Included in this pack are the following:

- ***Word Building Mats** with 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 words
(over 60 Word Building Mats in both color & black and white (over 120 total))
- ***Blank templates** of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 blanks for you to fill in with words of your choice...or word lists the students have supplied!
- ***Answer Building Sheet** (to use if laminating the **Word Building Mats**)
- * **Answer Key** in table format

Color worksheets can be laminated for long-term use. Students can fill out the laminated worksheets using dry-erase markers. After review or grading, just wipe them off and they can be reused again and again.

Black and White printing is the other option, for those needing to save on color ink, or just want a quick, printable worksheet. The students can color the pictures once the Word Mat has been completed.

My word ladders are designed a bit differently than most (I call them “Word Building Mats”). Students can work clock-wise or counter-clockwise to answer the clues (It all comes back around to the original word). Each worksheet has a number in the upper left corner to correspond with the applicable answer sheet. The number suggests the number of words on the Word Mat and the letter allows you to keep track of the Word Mats within each set.

For example: **6B** (means **six words** and the **second sheet** in that set)

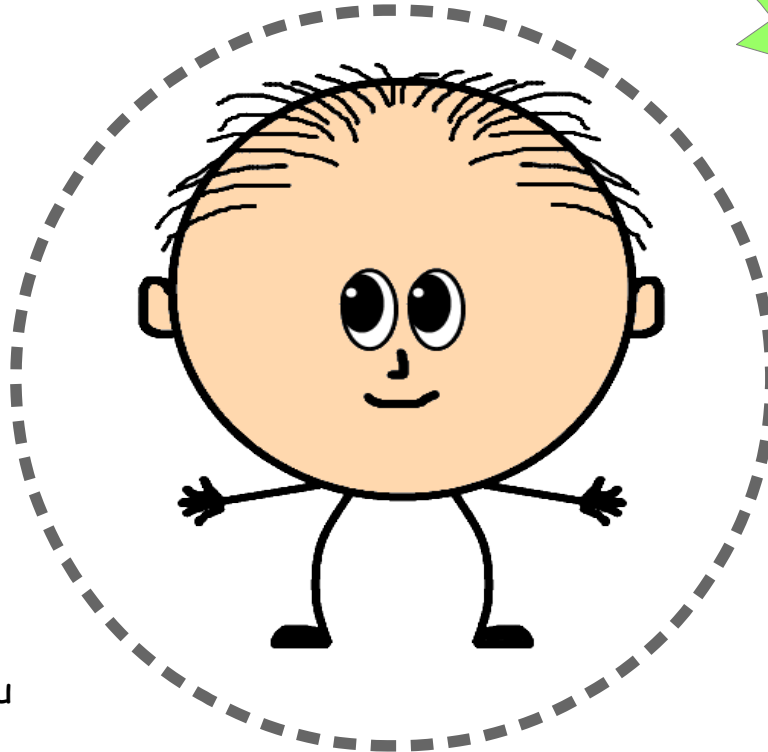
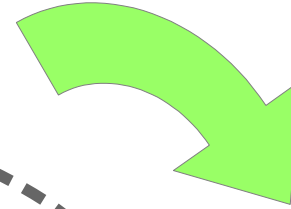
Card #

6A

Can You Change This Man?

Going in either direction, change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

man



 when the sun makes skin
 very brown

 what you cook in

† _____
 the number of fingers you
 have

_____ e _____
 what you use to write

_____ n _____
 more than one man

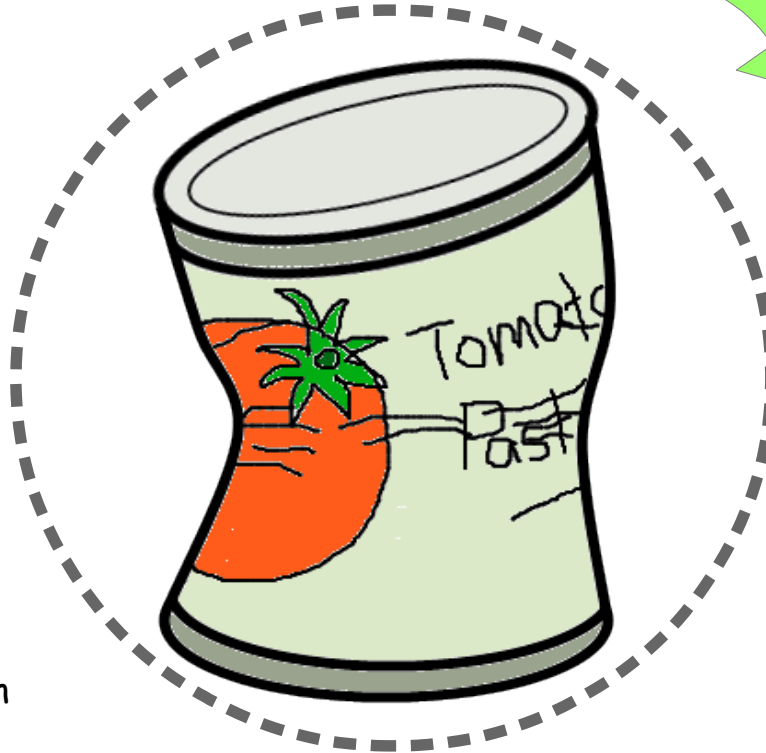
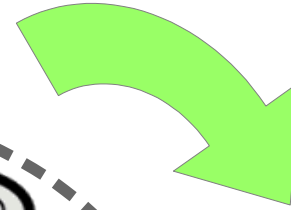
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Can You Change This Can?

Going in either direction, change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

6B

can



 a type of hat

 something to ride in

┌ _____
 | _____
 what your legs make when
 you sit

† _____
 a sticky goo

 to touch gently

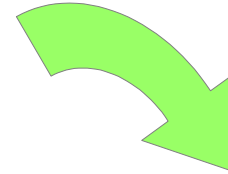
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10G

Can You Change the Duck?

Going in either direction, change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

duck



to push under or to dip

wish someone good ____.

_____ n _____

pile of sand on the beach

_____ i _____

how you eat an icecream
cone

to eat

small bugs in the hair

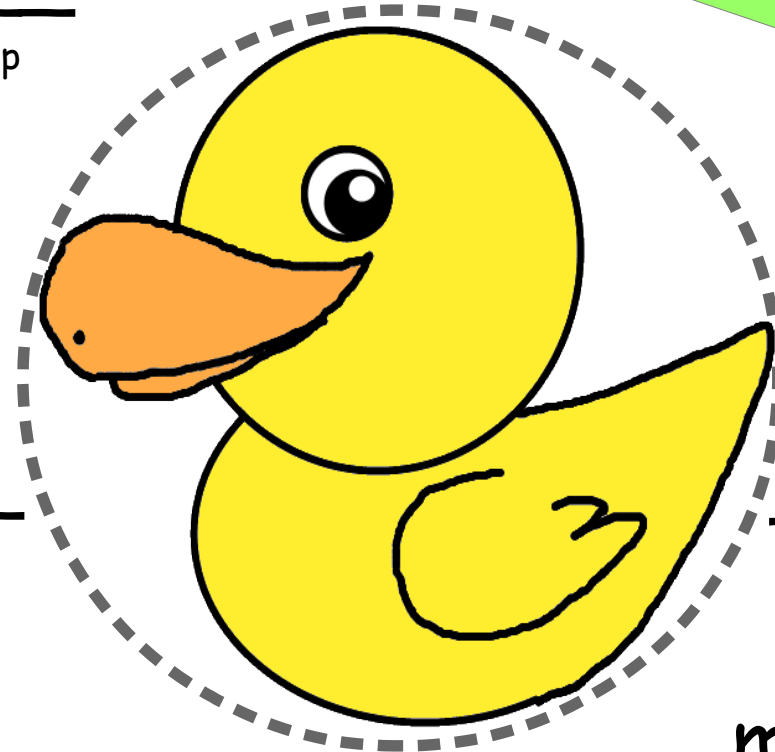
_____ n _____

belongs to me

m _____

a group of small rodents like
rats

a distance to drive



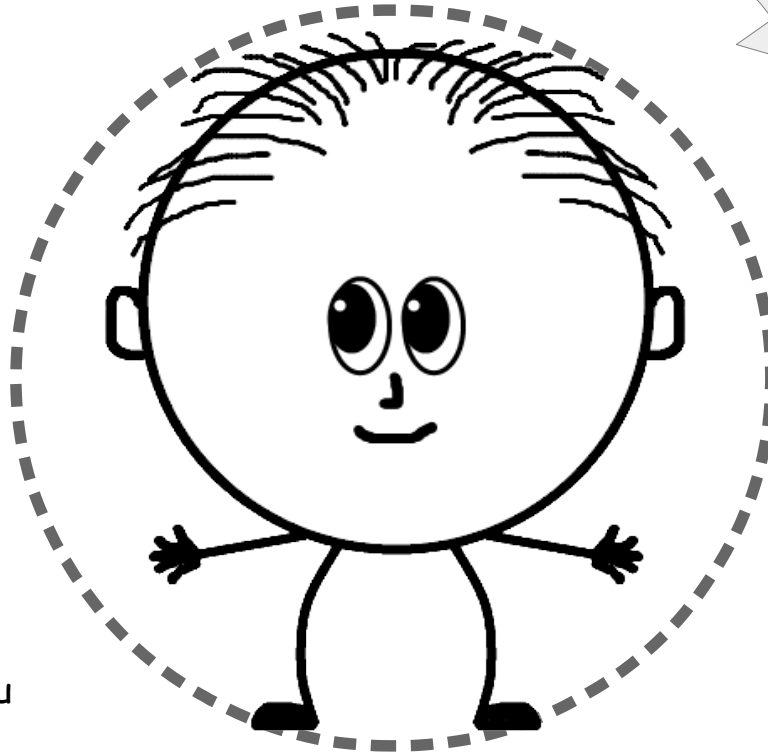
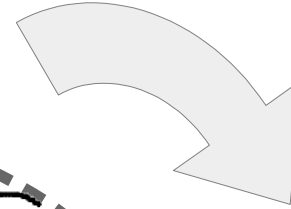
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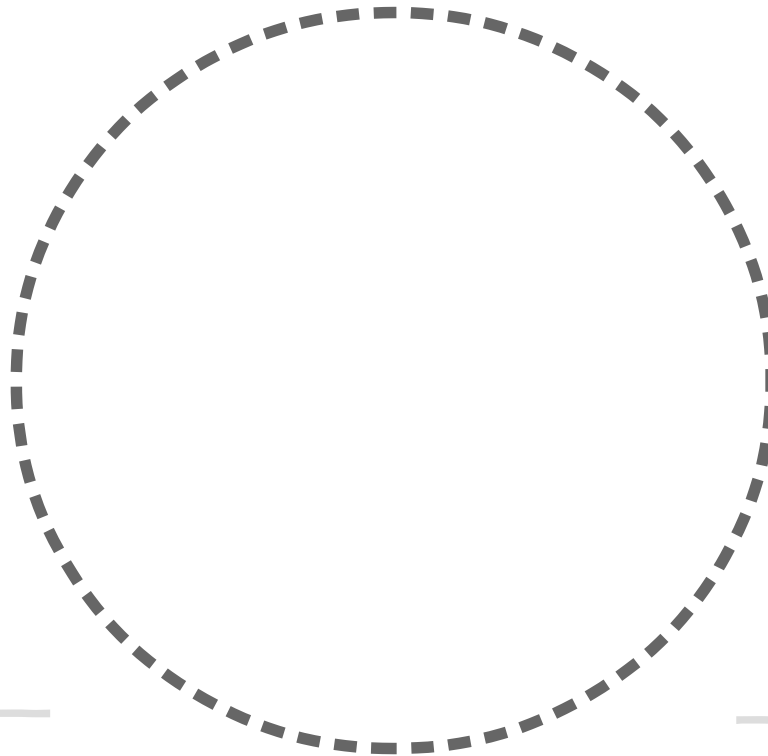
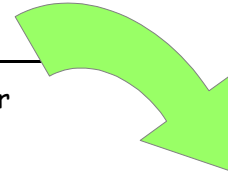
Card #

11_

I Can Change _____.

Change only one letter in each word to form a new word.

Draw a picture in the center



Word Mat : 6 Words

6A

man

pan

pen

men

ten

tan

6B

can

car

tar

tap

lap

cap

6C

6D

6E

6F

6G

6H

6I

6J

6K

6L

6M

6N

6O

chick

stick

trick

brick

quick

thick

Word Mat : 10 words

10A

10B

10C

10D

10E

10F

10G

10H

10I

10J

10K

10L

duck

luck

lick

lice

mice

mile

mine

dine

dune

dunk

I also have “**Word Building Mats**” for **1st and 2nd grade**. They are also good for those 3rd graders who might be struggling.

Students are required only to fill in one letter in each word as they go around the circle.

Product link for **Word Building Mats (GR1-3)**:

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Word-Building-Mats-GR-1-3-Word-Ladder-Spelling-Rhyming-Phonics-Vocabulary-1078992>

Store link:

www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Casey-Seasholtz

Try this FREEBIE with your class.

My students love these types of activities because it offers them a challenge. Students who struggle more are paired with students who can help them with their thinking strategies (take turns with a word, “give me a clue,” or other help that the struggling student may need)

There are over 60 color WORD LADDER sheets and then the corresponding black and white that the students can color themselves.

Templates are included for you to add your own list of words or for the students to try making one themselves. Just draw a corresponding picture in the center.

For Word Mats with more “hints” or more letters revealed , try the Word Building Mats for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.

Get the FULL PACKET (over 120 Word Mats) here:

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Word-Building-Mats-GR-3-5-Word-Ladder-Spelling-Rhyming-Phonics-Vocabulary-1085544>