

Team to Work

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Team		
Meat	Rearrange letters	Food that comes from animals.
Tame	Rearrange letters	Not wild
Take	Chg 1	To get possession of something. To grab.
Tale	Chg 1	A story.
Tall	Chg 1	Not short.
Toll	Chg 1	A fee paid for a service or privilege. We had to pay a one dollar toll to cross the bridge.
Ton	-2, + 1	A weight, 2,000 pounds.
Torn	+ 1	To have divided or separated something by pulling.
Worn	Chg 1	To have caused something to deteriorate or go bad by using it or wearing it out.
Work	Chg 1	What teams must do together.

Spring to Summer

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Spring		
String	Chg 1	A thread.
Sting	- 1	What a bee does when it is angry.
Sing	- 1	To make music with one's voice.
Sling	+ 1	A hanging bandage suspended from the neck to support an injured arm.
Slim	- 2, + 1	Thin, not fat or thick.
Slime	+ 1	A thick and slick liquid produced by animals. Also called mucous.
Slimmer	+ 2	More slim. Mary was slimmer than Margaret.
Simmer	- 1	To heat something just below the boiling point.
Summer	Chg 1	Another season.

Art to Draw

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Art		
Cart	+ 1	A vehicle for transporting things.
Car	- 1	Another name for an automobile.
Cat	Chg 1	A pet that is related to lions and tigers.
Scat	+ 1	To make something go away
Sat	- 1	To have been seated.
Saw	Chg 1	An instrument for cutting wood.
Raw	Chg 1	Food that has not been cooked.
Straw	+ 2	A kind of plant that animals lay on.
Draw	-2, + 1	To make pictures with pencils and pens. A form of art.

Wet to Rain

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Wet		
We	- 1	All of us.
Well	+ 2	In a state of good health.
Bell	Chg 1	An object that makes a ringing noise when struck.
Belt	Chg 1	A long piece of material that is worn around the waist and used to hold up one's pants.
Bet	- 1	A wager or guess that something will happen. "I bet that it won't rain this afternoon."
Bat	Chg 1	A long wooden club used for hitting things.
Brat	+ 1	A spoiled child or person.
Bran	Ch 1	The edible coating of a grain of wheat that is often separated from the grain when making white flour.
Ran	- 1	To walk in a very fast manner.
Rain	+ 1	What usually causes a person to get wet when outdoors?

Sleep to Nap

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Sleep		
Seep	- 1	To allow a liquid to flow or pass through a barrier slowly.
Sheep	+ 1	An animal from which wool comes.
Peep	- 2, + 1	A small sound made by a young bird. Or a brief look.
Peel	Chg 1	To pull off the outer layer, usually from fruit.
Pail	Chg 2	Another name for a bucket.
Pal	- 1	A friend.
Lap	Chg 1	Where young children often sit on their parents.
Clap	+ 1	How applause is made.
Slap	Chg 1	To hit with an open hand.
Sap	- 1	A liquid that comes from trees.
Nap	Chg 1	To sleep for a short time.

Most to Least

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Most		
Mast	Chg 1	The upright pole on a sailboat.
Mask	Chg 1	A covering for the face; used as a disguise.
Cask	Chg 1	A barrel-shaped vessel used for holding liquids.
Cast	Chg 1	What a doctor puts on a fractured arm or leg.
Coast	+ 1	The land near the shore; or near where the ocean touches the land.
Cost	- 1	The price of something.
Lost	Chg 1	Something that cannot be found.
Last	Chg 1	Opposite of first.
Least	+ 1	Opposite of most.

Hair to Cut

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Hair		
Chair	+ 1	A piece of furniture on which a person sits.
Char	- 1	Scorch; to burn something slightly.
Chart	+ 1	A map; or a figure that displays information as a table or graph.
Charm	Chg 1	A small ornament worn on a bracelet or chain.
Harm	- 1	To injure or cause a hurt.
Arm	- 1	A body appendage that is attached to the shoulder.
Ram	Rearrange letters	A male sheep.
Rum	Chg 1	An alcoholic beverage made in the Caribbean area.
Rut	Chg 1	A depression in the ground caused by the continuous passage of a wheel. To do the same thing over and over again.
Cut	Chg 1	What is done to a person's hair when it gets too long.

Door to Window

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Door		
Floor	- 1, + 2	The lower inside surface of a room.
Flop	- 2, + 1	To throw oneself in a clumsy manner. Or, to fail completely.
Lop	- 1	To cut off.
Lip	Chg 1	The rim or edge of something. What surrounds the mouth.
Lit	Chg 1	To have set something on fire.
Wit	Chg 1	Another word for intelligence or humor.
Win	Chg 1	To be victorious.
Wind	+ 1	To rotate or revolve something. "The toy car will not move unless you wind it up."
Window	+ 2	Besides a door another opening on a house or building.

Pint to Quart

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Pint		
Paint	+ 1	A liquid containing color used for coloring walls and other things.
Pant	- 1	To breathe heavily.
Chant	- 1, + 2	To recite in a monotonous and repetitive tone.
Chart	Chg 1	A map or a visual display of information in the form of a table or graph.
Cart	- 1	A wheeled vehicle for transporting things.
Tart	Chg 1	A small pie containing jelly, custard, or fruit. Or a sharp taste.
Part	Chg 1	To leave another person's company. "I hate to part from my friends." Or, a portion of something.
Art	- 1	An occupation requiring knowledge or skill. "Cooking is an art."
Quart	+ 2	A measure of volume. Two pints; 32 ounces.

Hotel to Sleep

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Hotel		
Hot	- 1	Very warm
Hat	Chg 1	Covering for the head.
Hate	+ 1	Opposite of love.
Haste	+ 1	A hurry.
Host	Chg 1, -1	A person who entertains guests; one who throws a party.
Shot	Rearrange letters	A particular kind of object, not a bullet, that one shoots through a gun...
Shoot	+ 1	What is done with a gun.
Sheet	Chg 2	Covering for a bed. A long flat piece of something.
Sleep	Chg 1	What is done at a hotel at night.

Flower to Pot

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Flower		
Flow	- 2	Another word for the movement of rivers.
Slow	Chg 1	Not fast.
Show	Chg 1	To display something for others to see.
Shower	+ 2	A light but steady rain.
Shopper	- 1, + 2	One who buys things.
Shop	- 3	A store or place of work.
Stop	Chg 1	To come to a halt.
Top	- 1	The uppermost part of something.
Pot	Rearrange letters.	What flowers are often kept in.

Bird to Chirp

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Bird		
Bid	- 1	To make an offer for something.
Bed	Chg 1	A piece of furniture for sleeping.
Shed	- 1, + 2	A small building used to store things.
Sled	Chg 1	A vehicle with runners that moves on snow and ice.
Slid	Chg 1	To have moved through sliding. To slip.
Ship	Chg 1	A large boat.
Hip	- 1	A part of the body to which legs are attached.
Chip	+ 1	A small piece of wood.
Chirp	+ 1	A sound made by birds.

Shade to Tree

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Shade		
Shape	Chg 1	The form of an object.
Shame	Chg 1	A painful feeling caused by having done something wrong or poorly.
Same	- 1	To be alike something else in all ways.
Sam	- 1	Nickname for Samuel.
Sap	Chg 1	A liquid that comes from trees.
Sip	Chg 1	To drink in small amounts.
Seep	- 1, + 2	To pass slowly through small openings in something. "The flood water seeped into our house overnight."
See	- 1	To view.
Tee	Chg 1	A small peg on which a ball is placed.
Tree	+ 1	What often provides shade outdoors.

School to Student

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
School		
Cool	- 2	Slightly warmer than cold.
Coal	Chg 1	A black rock that can be burned to make heat.
Coat	Chg 1	An outer covering of clothes.
Cat	- 1	A feline pet.
Cant	+ 1	A contraction for cannot.
Cent	Chg 1	A penny.
Gent	Chg 1	Short for gentleman.
Dent	Chg 1	An indentation or depression put into something.
Student	+ 3	The name of the person who goes to school

Boat to Plane

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Boat		
Float	- 1, + 2	To be suspended on water.
Moat	- 2, + 1	A deep wide trench filled with water and surrounding a castle.
Mat	- 1	A piece of material placed at a door and used for wiping feet.
Pat	Chg 1	To tap or strike softly.
Pan	Chg 1	A kitchen utensil used for cooking.
Plan	+ 1	A proposed way of doing something. "I have a plan for what we should do today."
Plank	+ 1	A heavy and thick wooden board.
Plant	Chg 1	A living thing that is not an animal, such as a tree or bush.
Plane	Chg 1	A boat moves through water. This moves through the air.

Fried to Baked

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Fried		A way to heat food.
Freed	Chg 1	What was done to the slaves after the Civil War.
Feed	- 1	Food for an animal.
Fed	- 1	To have been given food to eat.
Bed	Chg 1	A piece of furniture on which one sleeps.
Bad	Chg 1	Opposite of good.
Bar	Chg 1	To keep others from passing. "The guard tried to bar us from entering the building."
Bark	+ 1	Sound made by a dog.
Bard	Chg 1	A poet.
Bare	Chg 1	Without covering. Naked.
Baked	- 1, + 2	Another way to heat food.

Base to Ball

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Base		The foundation of something.
Bass	Chg 1	A kind of fish. Or the lowest or deepest voice.
Mass	Chg 1	A large group of something.
Miss	Chg 1	To fail to hit. Or a young unmarried woman.
Mist	Chg 1	A light rain.
Mast	Chg 1	A long upright pole in the middle of a sailboat.
Malt	Chg 1	Grain that is softened by placing in water. Used in many beverages including malted milk.
Mall	Chg 1	An enclosed shopping center.
Small	+ 1	Opposite of large.
Ball	- 2, + 1	With the first word, it is the name of America's pastime or game.

Candy to Cane

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Candy		
Can	- 2	A container for holding food and other substances.
Cat	Chg 1	A pet feline, related to lions and tigers.
Sat	Chg 1	To have been seated in a chair.
Sam	Chg 1	Nickname for Samuel.
Seem	- 1, + 2	To appear to be. "I seem to be feeling a bit sick today."
Seam	Chg 1	The place where two pieces of cloth are joined.
Seat	Chg 1	A chair.
Sweat	+ 1	Perspiration.
Sweet	Chg 1	The flavor of candy.

Start to Finish

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Start		
Tart	- 1	A pastry with jelly or fruit in the middle.
Cart	Chg 1	A vehicle for transporting objects.
Cast	Chg 1	What a doctor puts on a fractured bone in the arm or leg.
Cash	Chg 1	Money in the form of bills and coins.
Wash	Chg 1	To clean with water.
Wish	Chg 1	A desire or want.
Dish	Chg 1	A plate used for eating.
Fish	Chg 1	A creature that lives in water.
Finish	+ 2	Opposite of start

Fire to Candle

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Fire		
Tire	Chg 1	A rubber and round instrument used on a car.
Tile	Chg 1	A thin flat slab of baked clay.
Pile	Chg 1	A heap or small hill of items.
Pill	Chg 1	A tablet used to contain medicine.
Hill	Chg 1	An elevation of the land. A small mountain.
Hall	Chg 1	A corridor in a house.
Hand	Chg 2	A body part attached to the arm.
Handle	+ 2	Something made to be gripped by the hand.
Candle	Chg 1	A wax object meant to give light by being set on fire.

Black to White

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Black		
Block	Chg 1	A solid mass of stone.
Clock	Chg 1	An instrument used for telling time.
Lock	- 1	A device used to fasten something and prevent others from opening it.
Look	Chg 1	To see or view.
Loot	Chg 1	To steal something; to rob or pillage.
Lot	- 1	Plenty of something.
Hot	Chg 1	Very warm.
Hit	Chg 1	To strike
White	+ 2, one at beginning and one at end of previous word.	Opposite of black.

Salt to Pepper

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Salt		
Sat	- 1	To have been seated.
Hat	Chg 1	A covering for the head.
Hot	Chg 1	Opposite of cold.
Shot	+ 1	A discharge from a gun.
Shop	Chg 1	A place to buy things. The act of buying things.
Hop	- 1	To move by short jumps.
Pop	Chg 1	Another name for soda.
Popper	+ 3	A utensil for popping corn.
Pepper	Chg 1	A black spice or seasoning used with salt on food.

Hug to Kiss

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Hug		
Hog	Chg 1	A kind of swine or pig.
Hoe	Chg 1	A rake-like instrument used for tilling soil and chopping weeds.
Shoe	+ 1	Something worn on the foot and used for walking.
Show	Chg 1	To present something to be seen by others.
Slow	Chg 1	Opposite of fast.
Low	- 1	Not high.
Lot	Chg 1	Plenty of something.
Lit	Chg 1	To have lighted something.
Kit	Chg 1	A collection of tools, supplies or other objects for a purpose.
Kite	+ 1	A contraption that flies in the wind. It is often made up of wood, paper, string, and a cloth tail.
Kiss	Chg 2	Something that is often given with a kiss.

Horse to Pony

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Horse		
Hoe	- 2	A rake-like instrument used for tilling the soil or chopping weeds.
Hop	Chg 1	To move by jumping
Hope	+ 1	To expect or believe that something will happen.
Cope	Chg 1	To be able to deal with difficulties successfully.
Cone	Chg 1	What ice cream is often served in.
Bone	Chg 1	Our skeleton is made of many of these.
Bond	Chg 1	To make something stick together.
Pond	Chg 1	A small lake or other body of water.
Pony	Chg 1	A small horse.

Present to Gift

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Present		
Sent	- 3	To have ordered someone to go.
Lent	Chg 1	A period of six weeks before Easter.
Bent	Chg 1	Twisted or dented.
Beat	Chg 1	To defeat another; to win.
Bet	- 1	A wager or guess that one thing will happen.
Bit	Chg 1	To have gripped with your teeth.
Lit	Chg 1	To have caught on fire. "The scoutmaster just lit the campfire."
Lift	+ 1	To raise up.
Gift	Chg 1	Another name for a present.

Walk to Run

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Walk		
Talk	Chg 1	To speak
Stalk	+ 1	To follow in a stealthy or concealed way.
Stall	Chg 1	To put off. Or the place where horses live in a barn.
Tall	- 1	Opposite of short.
Tell	Chg 1	To say.
Ten	- 2, + 1	The number after nine.
Tent	+ 1	A kind of shelter made from canvas cloth or nylon.
Rent	Chg 1	Payment for use of someone else's property.
Runt	Chg 1	An undersized animal.
Run	- 1	To walk in a fast way.

Swim to Pool

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Swim		
Swam	Chg 1	To have moved oneself through water.
Swan	Chg 1	A large white bird with a graceful and curving neck.
Wand	- 1, + 1	A stick used by magicians.
Wind	Chg 1	The blowing air.
Win	- 1	To succeed or defeat one's opponents in a game.
Will	- 1, + 2	The desire to accomplish something. "I have the will to get an 'A' in math."
Wild	Chg 1	Opposite of tame. Living in a natural state.
Wood	- 2, + 2	A substance that comes from trees.
Wool	Chg 1	A fabric or yarn that is made from the fleece or coats of sheep.
Pool	Chg 1	A place to swim. A body of water or other liquid.

Shoe to Boot

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Shoe		
Shop	Chg 1	To buy things.
Shot	Chg 1	To have discharged a gun.
Shock	- 1, + 2	To be horrified or surprised.
Sock	- 1	A soft garment for the foot. Or to hit.
Dock	Chg 1	A wooden ramp next to which boats are parked.
Dot	- 2, + 1	A small round spot.
Hot	Chg 1	Very warm.
Hoot	+ 1	Sound made by an owl. Or, a good time. "The party I went to last night was a hoot."
Boot	Chg 1	A large and heavy shoe, usually for work.

Shop to Mall

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Shop		
Stop	Chg 1	Opposite of go.
Top	- 1	Opposite of bottom.
Tip	Chg 1	The pointed end of something.
Sip	Chg 1	To drink in small amounts.
Slip	+ 1	To lose hold or slide on something, such as ice.
Sly	- 2, + 1	Shrewd or cunning.
Shy	Chg 1	No outgoing. Uncomfortable around others with whom a person is not familiar.
She	Chg 1	Refers to a female.
Shell	+ 2	The hard outer casing or covering of something.
Smell	Chg 1	An odor. Or, to inhale or detect an odor.
Small	Chg 1	Little; not big.
Mall	- 1	A place to shop.

Candy to Sweet

Target Word

Letter Changes Required

Clue

Candy		
Sandy	Chg 1	A place full of sand.
Sand	- 1	A grainy material found on the beach.
Hand	Chg 1	A body appendage attached to the arm.
Hang	Chg 1	To suspend or be supported from above, not below.
Sang	Chg 1	To have sung.
Sag	- 1	To droop or hang unevenly.
Sat	Chg 1	To have been seat.
Swat	+ 1	To hit or strike.
Sweat	+ 1	Perspiration.
Sweet	Chg 1	The taste of candy.

Chop to Wood

Target Word	Letter Changes Required	Clue
Chop		
Shop	Chg 1	A place for working or purchasing things.
Slop	Chg 1	A watery mess; waste liquid.
Sloop	+ 1	A sailboat with one mast.
Loop	- 1	A rope or ribbon made into a circular form.
Coop	Chg 1	A small pen for chickens and roosters.
Hoop	Chg 1	A circular band or ring, like one that surround a barrel.
Hood	Chg 1	A covering for the head that is often attached to the coat.
Food	Chg 1	Substance that is eaten.
Wood	Chg 1	A substance from trees that is chopped.

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