Waiting-room puzzle sheets

Word ladders and mazes for a clipboard, a waiting room or a group. Answers are on the last page.

Word ladders: short

Turn the top word into the bottom word. Change one letter at a time, and make a real word at every step. The number is the fewest steps possible, so the boxes in between are the words you need.

1 — 3 STEPS

M	O	L	D
R	O	S	E

2 — 3 STEPS

L	A	Y	S
W	A	R	P

3 — 3 STEPS

B	I	T	E
C	U	R	E

4 — 3 STEPS

G	O	L	F
M	O	O	D

5 — 3 STEPS

F	I	T	S
S	E	E	S

6 — 3 STEPS

C	E	N	T
L	E	T	S

7 — 3 STEPS

T	E	A	M
M	E	A	T

8 — 3 STEPS

D	I	S	H
C	A	S	T

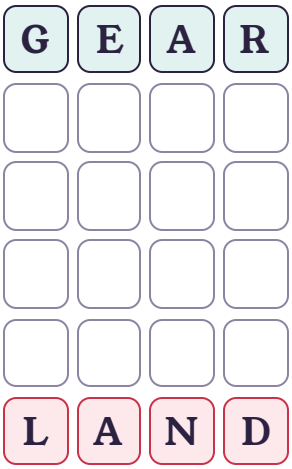
9 — 3 STEPS

C	O	R	N
M	O	L	E

Word ladders: medium

Same rules, a little longer. Try them in pencil. If you find a shorter ladder than the boxes allow, check each word: ladders are only as good as their words.

10 5 STEPS



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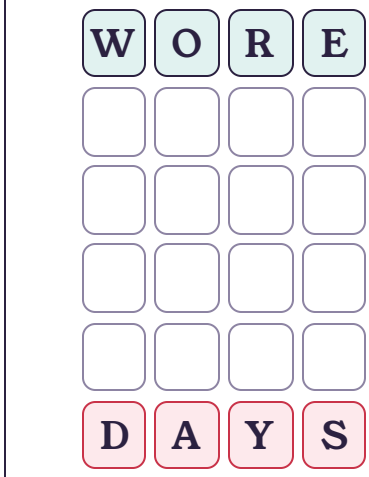

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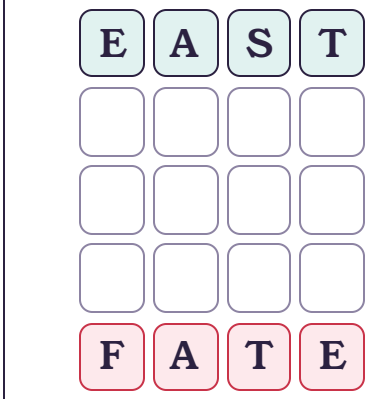

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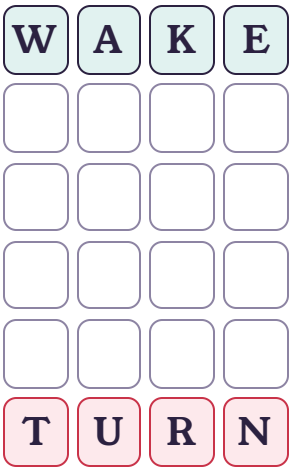

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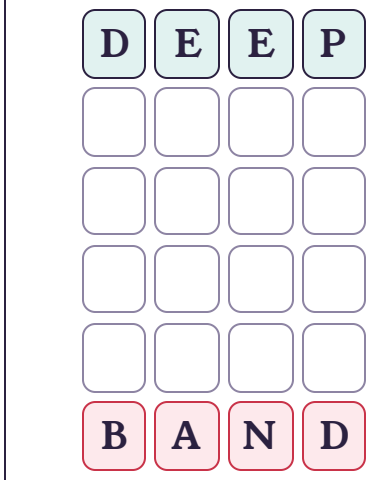

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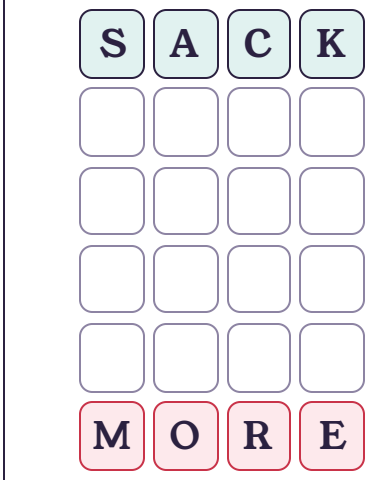
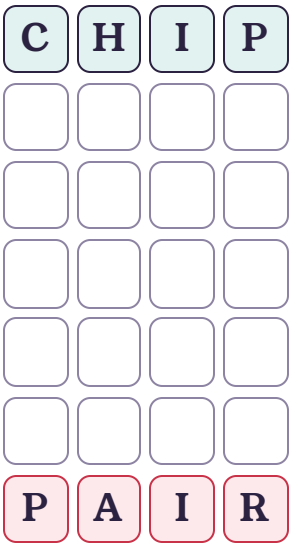


Word ladders: long

Six to eight steps. These are the ones to work on together, one word each.

16 — 6 STEPS



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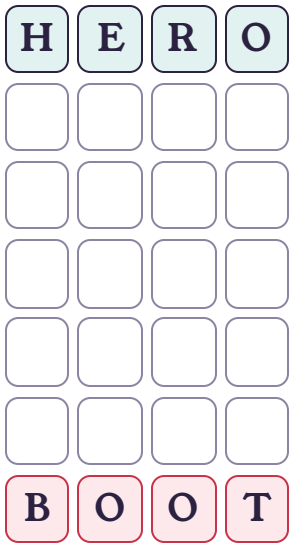

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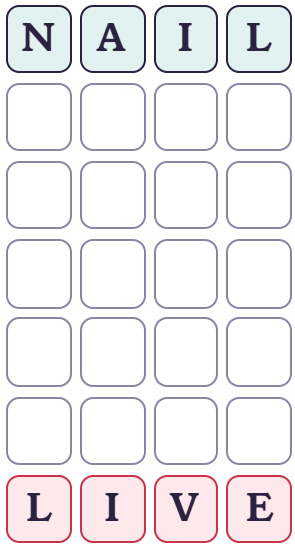

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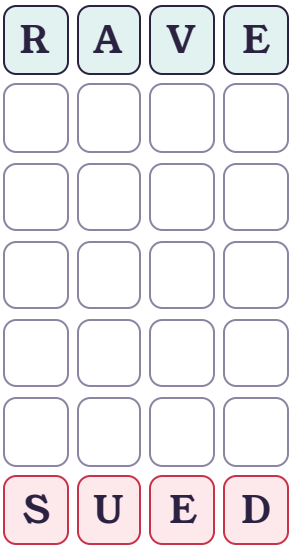

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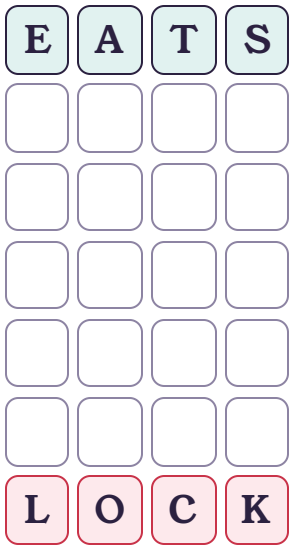

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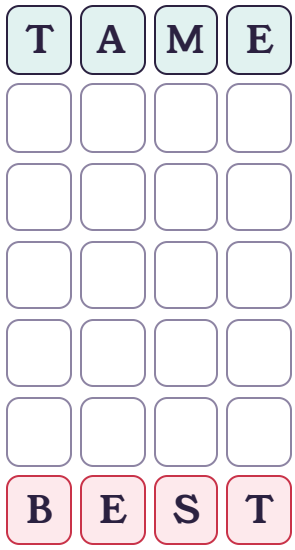
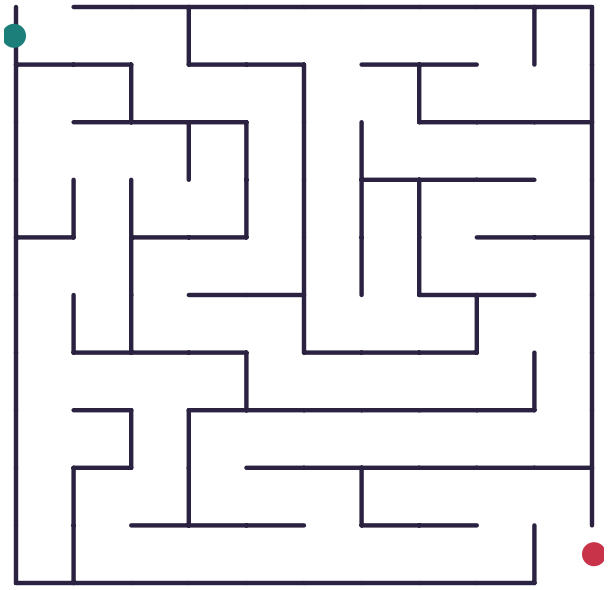


Mazes

Start at the teal dot, find the way to the coral dot. Lift your pencil as little as you can.

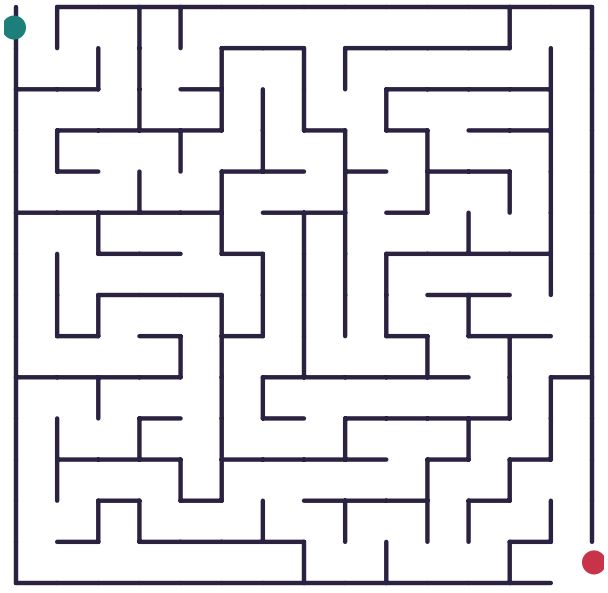
Maze 1

EASY · 10 × 10



Maze 2

MEDIUM · 14 × 14



Mazes

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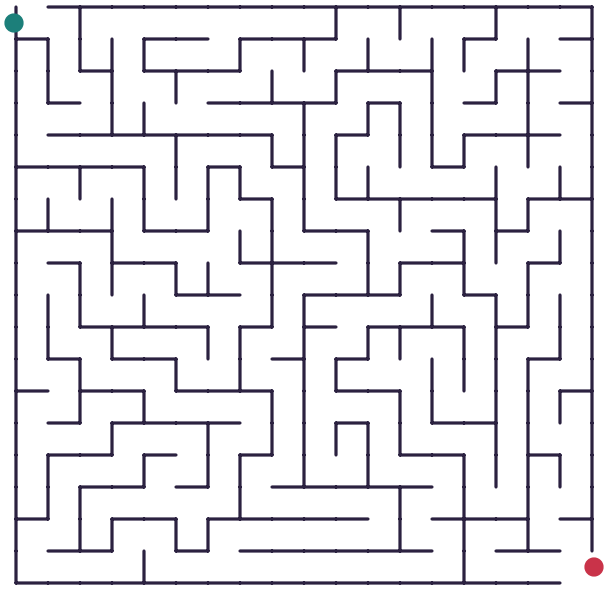
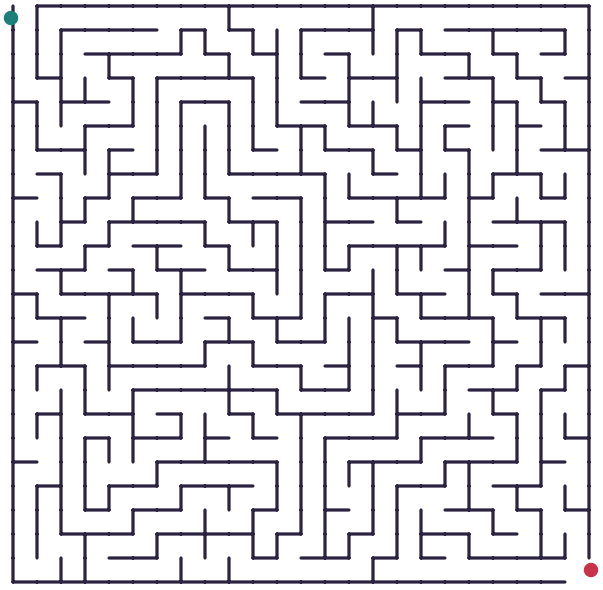
Maze 3

HARD · 18 × 18



Maze 4

VERY HARD · 24 × 24



Answers

One shortest ladder for each puzzle. Yours may differ and still be right if every step changes one letter and every word is real. The coral line in each maze is the way through.

1 MOLD → MOLE → ROLE → ROSE

2 LAYS → WAYS → WARS → WARP

3 BITE → CITE → CUTE → CURE

4 GOLF → GOLD → MOLD → MOOD

5 FITS → SITS → SETS → SEES

6 CENT → LENT → LENS → LETS

7 TEAM → BEAM → BEAT → MEAT

8 DISH → DASH → CASH → CAST

9 CORN → CORE → MORE → MOLE

10 GEAR → BEAR → BEAD → BEND → BAND → LAND

11 WORE → BORE → BARE → BARS → BAYS → DAYS

12 EAST → FAST → FACT → FACE → FATE

13 WAKE → BAKE → BARE → BARN → BURN → TURN

14 DEEP → DEED → FEED → FEND → BEND → BAND

15 SACK → BACK → BARK → BARE → BORE → MORE

16 CHIP → SHIP → SKIP → SKID → SAID → PAID → PAIR

17 HERO → HERD → HEAD → HEAT → BEAT → BOAT → BOOT

18 NAIL → FAIL → FALL → FILL → FILE → FIVE → LIVE

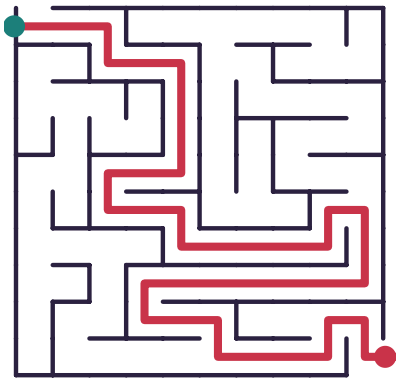
19 RAVE → CAVE → CARE → CARD → CURD → CUED → SUED

20 EATS → CATS → COTS → COOS → COOK → LOOK → LOCK

21 TAME → CAME → CASE → CAST → PAST → PEST → BEST

Maze 1

EASY



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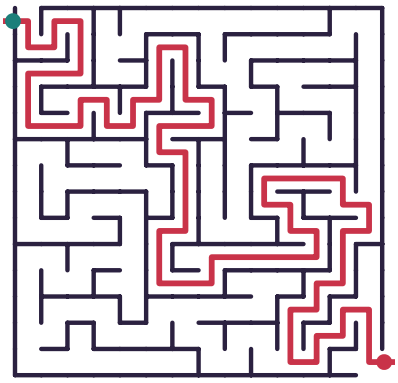
MEDIUM



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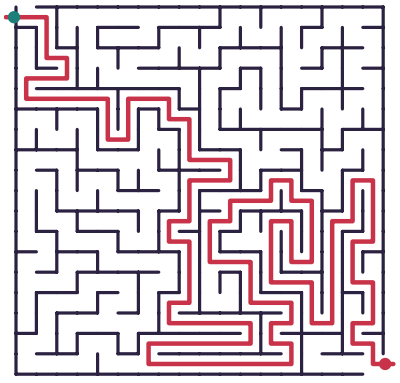
HARD



Maze 4

VERY HARD

