Word ladders: Easy (3-letter words)

Name: _____ Date: _____ · Change one letter at a time. Every step must be a real word. Use the clue to find each one.

1. CAT to DOG (3 steps)

C A T	Start
_ _ _	A small bed for a baby
_ _ _	A tiny round spot
D O G	Finish

2. SIT to RUN (4 steps)

S I T	Start
_ _ _	A small piece of something
_ _ _	You put rubbish in it
_ _ _	A small round bread roll
R U N	Finish

3. SUN to DAY (4 steps)

S U N	Start
_ _ _	A sweet bread roll, sometimes with raisins
_ _ _	To pay money for something
_ _ _	Part of the sea that curves into the land
D A Y	Finish

4. MAN to BOY (4 steps)

M A N	Start
_ _ _	You fry an egg in it
_ _ _	To give money for something
_ _ _	A place where boats can shelter by the coast
B O Y	Finish

5. COW to PIG (4 steps)

C O W	Start
_ _ _	Another word for a police officer
_ _ _	The sound a balloon makes when it bursts
_ _ _	A small seed in an apple or an orange
P I G	Finish

6. BED to COT (5 steps)

B E D	Start
_ _ _	To offer money for something at an auction
_ _ _	A small piece of something
_ _ _	You hit a ball with it
_ _ _	A pet that purrs
C O T	Finish

7. PIG to STY (5 steps)

P I G	Start
	A thin, sharp piece of metal that holds cloth together
	You cook food in it on the stove
	To give money for something
	To speak words
S T Y	Finish

8. FOX to HEN (5 steps)

F O X	Start
	To mend something that is broken
	A fish uses it to swim
	A loud, unpleasant noise
	A wild animal's home, like a fox's
H E N	Finish

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Answer key: Easy

1. CAT → COT → DOT → DOG
2. SIT → BIT → BIN → BUN → RUN
3. SUN → BUN → BUY → BAY → DAY
4. MAN → PAN → PAY → BAY → BOY
5. COW → COP → POP → PIP → PIG
6. BED → BID → BIT → BAT → CAT → COT
7. PIG → PIN → PAN → PAY → SAY → STY
8. FOX → FIX → FIN → DIN → DEN → HEN