Word ladders: Medium (4-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. COLD to WARM (4 steps)

C O L D	Start
_ _ _ _	A thick string
_ _ _ _	Sentences are made of these
_ _ _ _	A room for patients in a hospital
W A R M	Finish

2. HEAD to TAIL (5 steps)

H E A D	Start
_ _ _ _	To get better after you are hurt
_ _ _ _	A blue-green colour
_ _ _ _	To say something to someone
_ _ _ _	Not short
T A I L	Finish

3. LOVE to HATE (5 steps)

L O V E	Start
_ _ _ _	A small bay on the coast
_ _ _ _	A large hole in the side of a hill
_ _ _ _	To talk about something with great excitement
_ _ _ _	How fast something happens
H A T E	Finish

4. WIND to GUST (5 steps)

W I N D	Start
_ _ _ _	Your thoughts and memory
_ _ _ _	A fresh-tasting herb, or a sweet
_ _ _ _	Thin fog
_ _ _ _	Have to
G U S T	Finish

5. FIRE to COOL (6 steps)

F I R E	Start
_ _ _ _	To get weary and want to rest
_ _ _ _	A flat square that covers a floor or a wall
_ _ _ _	Until; or the drawer that holds money in a shop
_ _ _ _	Money you pay to use a road or a bridge
_ _ _ _	A hammer or a saw
C O O L	Finish

6. HAND to FOOT (6 steps)

H A N D	Start
_ _ _ _	A group of people who play music together
_ _ _ _	A close link between people
_ _ _ _	Brave and confident
_ _ _ _	A metal bar that locks a door
_ _ _ _	A shoe that covers your ankle
F O O T	Finish

7. BELL to RING (6 steps)

B E L L	Start
	To give something in return for money
	The narrow shelf at the bottom of a window
	A smooth, shiny cloth made by worms
	Where you wash the dishes
	To make music with your voice
R I N G	Finish

8. HILL to LAKE (6 steps)

H I L L	Start
	To make something full
	A folder for keeping papers
	Well, or good enough
	A long, thin mark
	To enjoy something
L A K E	Finish

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Answer key: Medium

1. COLD → CORD → WORD → WARD → WARM
2. HEAD → HEAL → TEAL → TELL → TALL → TAIL
3. LOVE → COVE → CAVE → RAVE → RATE → HATE
4. WIND → MIND → MINT → MIST → MUST → GUST
5. FIRE → TIRE → TILE → TILL → TOLL → TOOL → COOL
6. HAND → BAND → BOND → BOLD → BOLT → BOOT → FOOT
7. BELL → SELL → SILL → SILK → SINK → SING → RING
8. HILL → FILL → FILE → FINE → LINE → LIKE → LAKE