

Try one complete puzzle

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A small practice session, ready to print

Print pages 1-2 for your learner or pair. Keep page 3 as a separate hint station and page 4 for checking. Choose A4 or US Letter; the content is identical.

Start at COLD. Change exactly one letter each move. Use only the printed bank and reach CARD in two moves. A move is one transition. Write only the missing middle word.

Give time to think, then reveal one hint line at a time if needed. Ask: Which letter changed? All other letters must keep their positions. Help is never a score penalty.

Full edition: 12 puzzles / three support levels / student pages, progressive hints, worked routes, all shortest bank alternatives, word meanings and four-page host guide. No grade-level or learning-effect guarantee.

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Your practice page

P01 / Supported / only the bank below is allowed

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COLD to CARD | 2 moves

BANK CARD / COAL / COLD / CORD / GOLD

First move support: change letter 3 (count from the left).

START	C	O	L	D
MOVE 1				
MOVE 2	C	A	R	D

Check: every word is in the bank; one changed letter at each step.

Help used: ____ One change I checked: _____

Hint station / P01

COLD to CARD | Supported

Use this separately from the student page. Cover later hints with paper. Reveal one line at a time, then try the next move yourself.

Hints follow one worked route. Other bank routes can be correct. If your route differs, ask your host to check it before using the next hint.

Move 1 / from COLD

1. Position: change letter 3, counting from the left.
2. Letter: put R in that position.
3. Reveal: the next word is CORD.

Finish check: your final move must reach CARD by changing exactly one letter. Use the answer book only after attempting the route.

Check your route

SAMPLE ANSWER / keep separate during practice

P01 / Supported / 2 moves

WORKED ROUTE COLD > CORD > CARD

Step check: 1: letter 3, L to R; 2: letter 2, O to A.

All shortest bank routes (1):

COLD > CORD > CARD

Accept these routes without a hint penalty. A different route must still use only bank words, reach the end and match the stated move count.

CARD - A small piece of stiff paper.

COAL - A black fuel dug from the ground.

COLD - Having a low temperature.

CORD - A thin rope or strong string.

GOLD - A yellow precious metal.