THE PAPERBACK SAMPLER

ONE LETTER OVER

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Ten word ladders across five levels

A pencil is all you need

Try a pair from each of the book's five levels. We've kept their original numbers so you can find them again in the paperback.

Change exactly one letter in the same position on every move. Use familiar English words. Leave out names, abbreviations and hyphenated forms. Write one word per row and finish on the supplied word. Each grid fits our route; another route of that length counts too. Try longer answers on scrap paper.

A worked ladder

CAT › COT › DOT › DOG

Three moves. Count the gaps between the words.

Puzzles 2–6 **Position hints 7** **Next words 8** **Routes 9**

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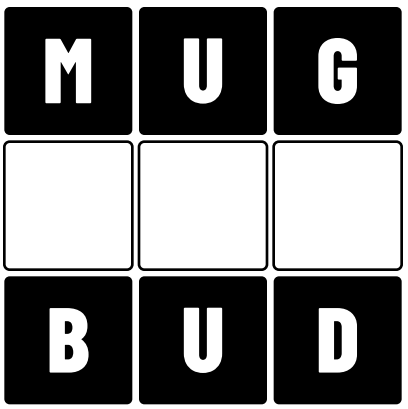
LEVEL 01

FIRST STEPS

Three letters, two or three moves. Put the kettle on if you like. You might finish the first pair before it boils.

001

2 moves



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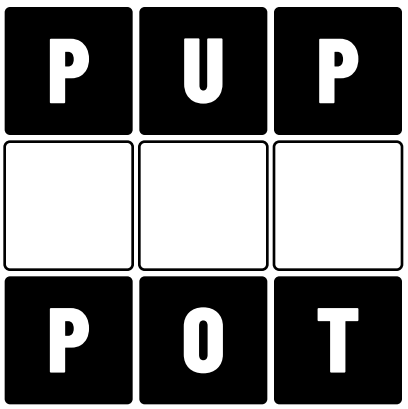
2 moves



Try a branch

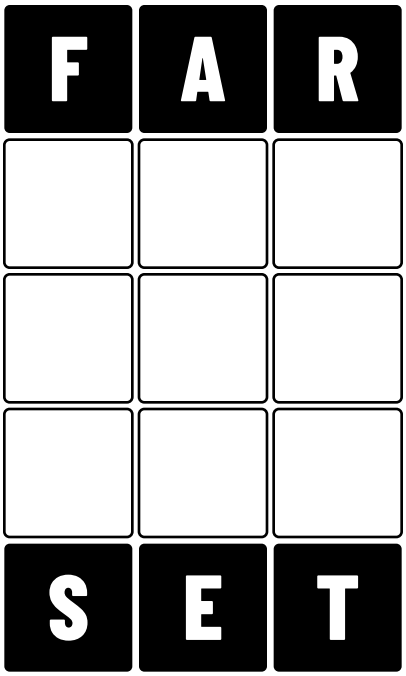
LEVEL 02

FIND YOUR FOOTING

If the start word refuses to budge, see what the finish word has to offer.

041

4 moves



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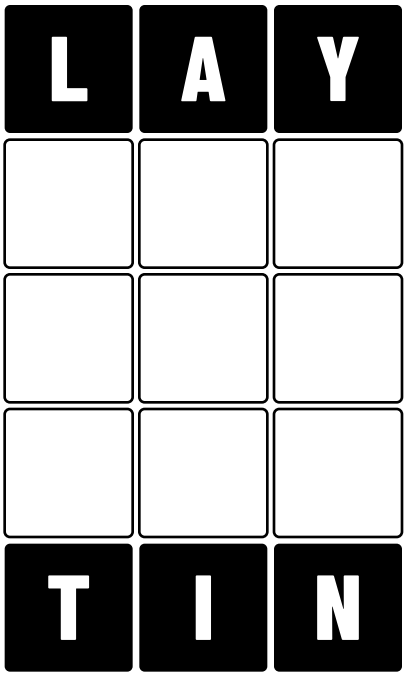
4 moves



Try a branch

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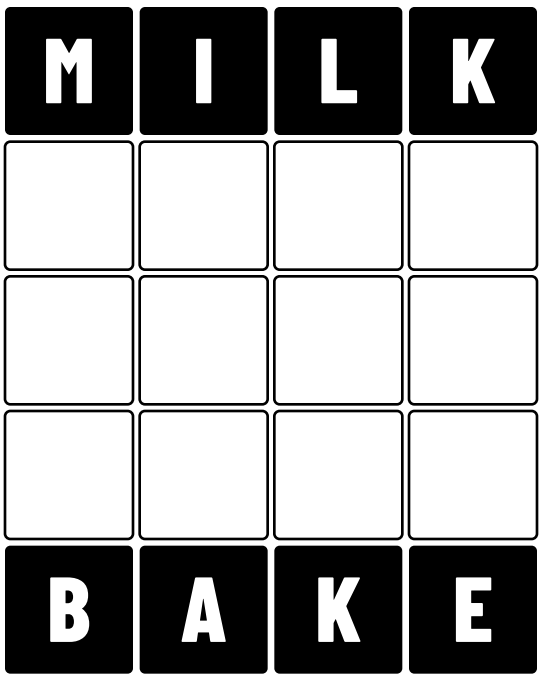
LEVEL 03

CHANGE OF PACE

Four letters can take you quite a distance. Keep a second possibility in pencil for the moment your favourite lets you down.

091

4 moves



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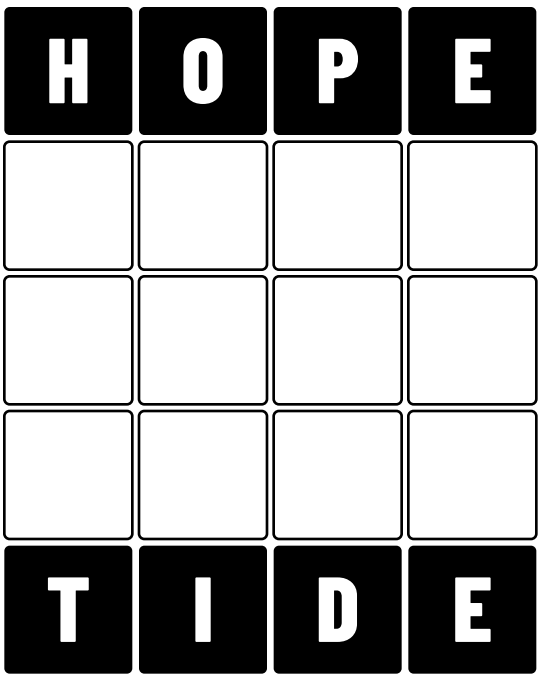
4 moves



Try a branch

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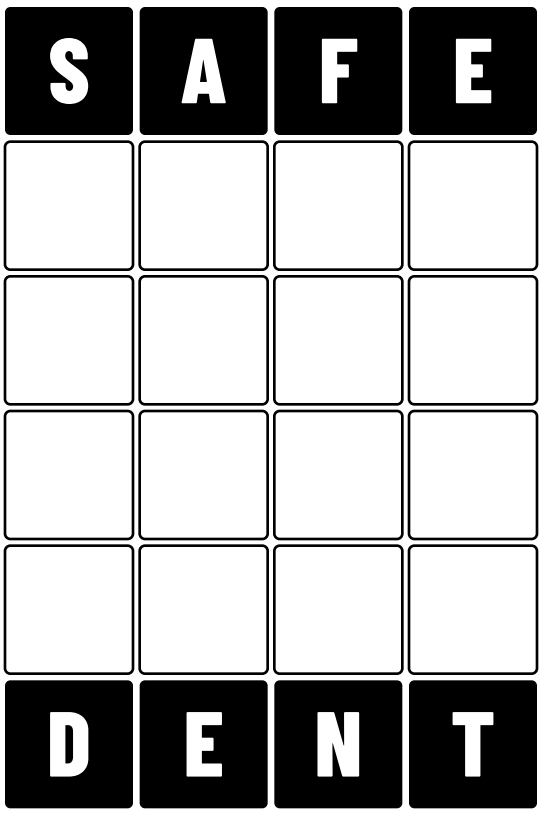
LEVEL 04

MIND THE GAP

A promising first move can still leave you several stops from home.

151

5 moves



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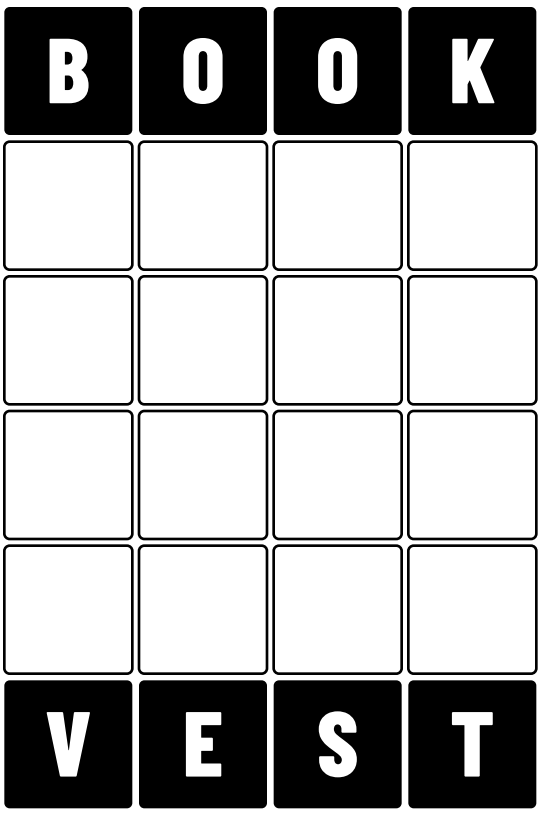
5 moves



AN ODDSERVATION Three pairs of letters stand shoulder to shoulder in BOOKKEEPER. Somebody in Accounts has kept every duplicate.

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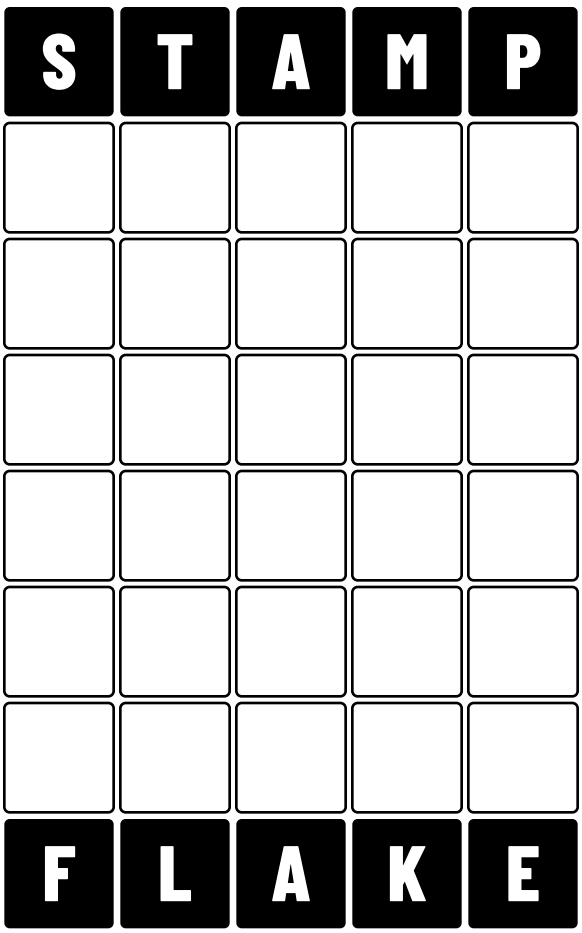
LEVEL 05

THE FINAL STRETCH

Seven or eight moves leave room for a proper detour. Take a line for a walk from each end and see where they meet.

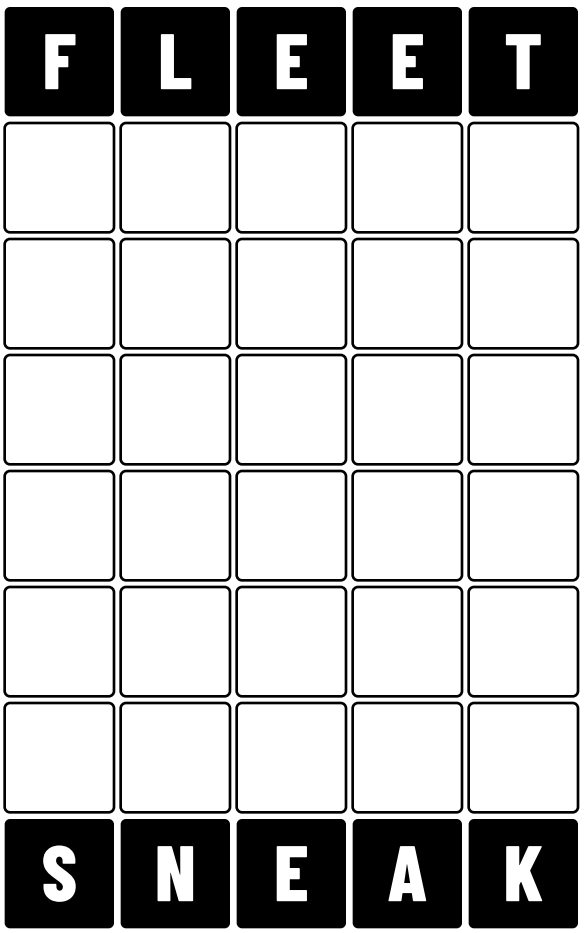
237

7 moves



238

7 moves



AN ODDSERVATION The stamp gets the corner of the envelope. Whoever wrote the letter has to share all the rest.

Position hint 7 Next word 8 Routes 9

First hint

The letter position to change

Count from the left of the start word. These positions lead towards the printed route.

001	**Third letter**
002	**Third letter**
041	**First letter**
042	**First letter**
091	**Fourth letter**
092	**First letter**
151	**Third letter**
152	**Fourth letter**
237	**Third letter**
238	**First letter**

Second hint

The next word in our route

Find your puzzle number. Put this word in the row beneath the start word, then try the rest on your own.

001	MUD
002	PUT
041	EAR
042	BAY
091	MILE
092	ROPE
151	SANE
152	BOOT
237	STUMP
238	SLEET

Routes 001–238

One possible route for each grid. Other valid chains may fit.

001 MUG › MUD › BUD

002 PUP › PUT › POT

041 FAR › EAR › EAT › SAT › SET

042 LAY › BAY › BAN › TAN › TIN

091 MILK › MILE › MALE › MAKE › BAKE

092 HOPE › ROPE › RIPE › RIDE › TIDE

151 SAFE › SANE › SAND › SEND › SENT › DENT

152 BOOK › BOOT › BOAT › BEAT › BEST › VEST

237 STAMP › STUMP › SLUMP › PLUMP › PLUME › FLUME › FLUKE › FLAKE

238 FLEET › SLEET › SWEET › SWEAT › SWEAR › SPEAR › SPEAK › SNEAK

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