

PUZZLE PLAY: WORD LADDERS

A word ladder, also called a “doublet,” is a puzzle in which you change one word into another word of the same length, one letter at a time. At each “step” of the ladder, substitute one letter to form a new word. There is often more than one solution.



EXAMPLE:

Change MICE into RATS

M	I	C	E
R	I	C	E
R	A	C	E
R	A	T	E
R	A	T	S

DID YOU KNOW?
Lewis Carroll is said to have invented these word ladder puzzles

Now you try it:

1. Change EYE into LID

E	Y	E
—	—	—
—	—	—
L	I	D

2. Change HEAD into TAIL

H	E	A	D
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
T	A	I	L

3. Change DOOR into LOCK

D	O	O	R
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
L	O	C	K



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El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), known as Día, is a year-round celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on April 30. Participating libraries plan all kinds of events, large and small, on this special day, and there are lots of ideas share. The following weblibliography may be helpful to you and your community as you look to join in the joy of Día this year!

- **Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC) Día site.** www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/initiatives/diadelosninios/index.cfm. *Note: the ALSC is Día's official "home."* This site includes an interactive map with event information.
- **California State Library Día Site.** www.diacalifornia.org
California has a statewide Día initiative.
- **Día Planning Information.** www.patmora.com/dia/diacelebrate.htm
- **Día Tips and Ideas.** www.patmora.com/dia/diaresources.htm
- **Pat Mora (Poet, Author, and Día Founder).** www.patmora.com
- **Pat Mora's Día Information Site.** www.patmora.com/dia.htm
- **The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking (REFORMA).** www.reforma.org/Dia.htm

