

Grade Levels(s): K , 1st , 2nd , 3rd , 4th , 5th , 6th , 7th ,  
8th , 9th , 10th , 11th , 12th  
Subject(s): ELA

Wonder of the Day #724  
Do You Like To Play with Words?

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## Word Ladders 40 min

### Objective:

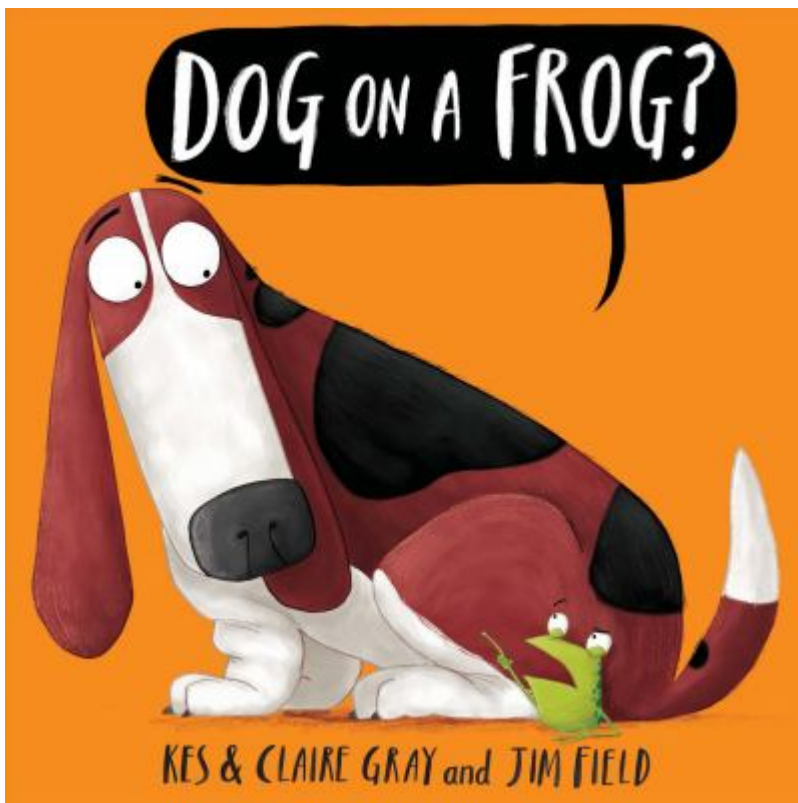
Improve vocabulary and spelling

### Big Idea:

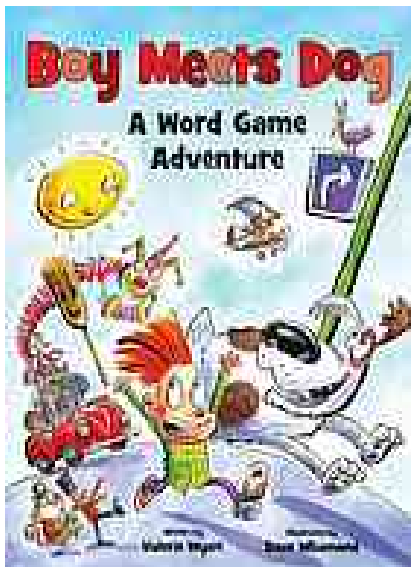
Have fun playing with words!

## 1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 10 min

Read [Dog on a Log](#) by Kes and Claire Gray



[Boy Meets Dog](#) A Word Game Adventure by Valerie Wyatt and illustrated by Dave Whamond



## Resources

- Word Ladder Printables <http://discoveringjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WordLadders.pdf>
- <http://wg.wonderopolis.org/uploads/users/1209/369/word-ladders-for-kids.pdf>

## 2. Investigation and New Learning 20 min

From the book: Lewis Carroll, the author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is credited with inventing the game of Doublets. The game has since gone on to viral popularity and is most commonly called word ladders or word chains. How many words can students come up with starting with four lettered words like "four" and "head"

Four>five head>tail calf>bull fast>slow

## 3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

Play some of the on line games available like Sporcle

<https://www.sporcle.com/games/subcategory/wordladd...>

**Standards:** L.K.5.C. L.K.6. 3.1. RF.K.4. RI.K.8. LA 0.1.5.B. RI.K.2. RI.K.4. 0.2.1.1. K.RV.3.2. 0.2.2.2. 0.2.4.4. 0.2.8.8. K.RF.1.1. K.RN.2.1. K.RN.4.1. K.RN.3.2. K.RN.2.2. LA 0.1.5.C. LA 0.1.6.D. K.RI.LCS.8.1. K.RI.MC.6.1. K.RI.P.4.1. RI.K.1 K.RI.LCS.9.1. K.C.MC.2.1. K.RI.LCS.11.2. K.RI.LCS.9.2. K.RL.LCS.10.2. K.RL.LCS.10.1. LA 0.1.6.M. LA 0.1.6.I. LA 0.1.6.E. LA 0.4.1.A. RI.K.1. K.RL.P.4.1. KI.3.1. 0.3.0.4. K.RV.1.1. K.10 (A) (K.9) L.K.6 110.11 (B) 110.11 (C) 0.10.5.5.C. K.8.A) L.K.5C 110.11 (F) RF.K.4 RI.K.2 0.10.6.6. RI.K.4 RI.K.8 1.4 (B) 1.6 (C) 1.14 (A) 1.14 (B) 110.12 (D) 1.I.3.1. 110.12 (C) 1.8.C) 1.10.11) 110.12 (F) 1.I.2.1. 1.10.F) 1.8.E) 1.8.B) 1.8.D) 1.8.A) RI.1.2. 1.3.0.4.A. 1.RL.LCS.10.2. 1.RF.1.1. 1.RN.1.1. 1.RN.2.1. 1.2.10.10. 1.2.8.8. 1.2.2.2. 1.2.1.1. 1.2.4.4. 1.2.6.6. 1.2.7.7. 1.RN.2.2. 1.RN.4.1. RI.1.10. RF.1.4.A. RI.1.7. 1.10.5.5.C. RI.1.6. RF.1.4.C. L.1.4.A. 1.RV.2.1. 1.RV.1.1. 1.RV.3.2. 1.10.4.4.A. L.1.5.C. RI.1.1. RI.1.4. 2.1. RI.1.6 RI.1.2 RI.1.1 1.RI.MC.6.1. RI.1.7 RI.1.8 L.1.4A L.1.5C RF.1.4C RF.1.4A RI.1.10 LA 1.1.5.B. RI.1.4 LA 1.2.1.C. LA 1.1.6.O. LA 1.1.6.M. LA 1.1.6.I. LA 1.4.1.A. 1.W.MCC.2.1. 1.RI.LCS.8.1. 1.RI.LCS.9.1. 1.RI.LCS.11.2. LA 1.1.6.E. 1.RI.LCS.9.2. LA 1.1.5.C. E3.I.2.1. E3.I.3.2. E2.C.MC.1.1. E3.RI.P.4.1. E2.RI.LCS.9.5. E2.RI.LCS.9.4. E3.RI.MC.5.1. E3.RI.LCS.8.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.1. E3.RI.MC.6.1. E3.RI.MC.5.2. E2.RI.LCS.9.3. E3.RI.P.4.3. E2.RI.LCS.9.1. E2.RI.P.4.1. E2.I.3.2. E2.RI.P.4.3. E2.RI.MC.5.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.2. LA 10.2.1.C. LA 10.1.6.M. E2.RI.LCS.8.1. E2.RI.MC.5.2. E2.RI.MC.6.1. LA 10.1.6.O. LA 10.1.6.I. E2.RI.LCS.9.2. E4.RI.LCS.9.2. 10.5.F) 10.4.11) 10.5.11) E4.C.MC.1.1. E4.RI.LCS.9.4. E4.RI.LCS.9.5. 10.3.F) 9.5.1.1. 9.11.4.4.A. 9.11.4.4.D. 9.7.8.8. 9.5.4.4. 9.5.2.2. E4.RI.LCS.9.3. LA 10.1.6.11) E4.I.2.1. E4.I.3.2. E3.C.MC.1.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.5. E3.RI.LCS.9.4. E4.RI.P.4.1. E4.RI.P.4.3. E4.RI.LCS.8.1. E4.RI.LCS.9.1. E4.RI.MC.6.1. E4.RI.MC.5.2. E4.RI.MC.5.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.3. 110.31 (A) 110.48.6 (C) 110.48.5 (A) 110.48.4 (F) 110.51.2 (C) 110.51.2 (L) E2.I.2.1. 110.53.3 (B) 110.48.4 (E) 110.48.3 (A) 110.47.6 (A) 110.47.5 (B) 110.47.6 (C) 110.47.8 (D) 110.48.2 (F) 110.48.2 (A) E1.C.MC.1.1. E1.RI.LCS.9.5. E1.I.3.2. E1.RI.P.4.1. E1.RI.P.4.3. E1.I.2.1. 110.54.5 (A) 110.55.2 (C) 110.54.5 (B) E1.RI.MC.5.1. E1.RI.MC.5.2. E1.RI.LCS.9.3. E1.RI.LCS.9.4. E1.RI.LCS.9.2. 9.11.6.6. E1.RI.MC.6.1. E1.RI.LCS.9.1. 110.47.4 (C) 110.47.3 (D) E1.I.2 (A) E1.I.1 (C) E1.I.1 (A) (E1.I.8) E1.I.9 (B) 110.32 (B) 110.32 (A) 110.31 (B) (E1.8) LA 10.1.6.E. LA 10.1.6.F. LA 10.1.5.D. LA 10.1.5.C. E1.1 (A) LA 10.1.4.A. E1.I.1 (A) E1.I.1 (B) 110.34 (A) E1.V.9 (D) (E1.V.8) 110.34 (B) 110.46.1 (A) 110.47.2 (A) 110.47.1 (A) E1.V.2 (C) E1.V.1 (B) E1.I.2 (C) E1.I.1 (C) E1.I.9 (B) 110.33 (A) E1.V.1 (A) 110.33 (B) LA 10.1.6.11) LA 10.4.1.A. 9-10.RN.2.2. 9-10.RN.1.1. RI.9-10.1 RI.9-10.2 9-10.RV.1.1. 9-10.RV.2.1. 3.1. RI.9-10.1. RI.9-10.2. 9-10.RV.2.2. RI.9-10.4 9-10.RN.2.1. W.9-10.8. L.9-10.4.D. L.9-10.6. W.9-10.8 RI.9-10.4. L.9-10.4.A. L.9-10.4D L.9-10.6 L.9-10.4A L.11-12.4.A. E1.I.1 (C) E1.I.2 (C) E1.I.9 (B) 110.33 (A) E1.I.1 (B) L.11-12.4.D. L.11-12.6. 110.33 (B) E1.I.9 (B) 110.32 (A) 110.32 (B) E1.I.1 (A) 110.34 (B) 110.47.6 (C) 110.47.6 (A) 110.47.5 (B) 110.47.8 (D) 110.48.2 (A) 110.48.4 (E) 110.48.3 (A) 110.48.2 (F) 110.47.3 (D) 110.47.2 (A) (E1.V.8) E1.V.2 (C) E1.V.1 (B) E1.V.9 (D) 110.34 (A) 110.47.1 (A) 110.46.1 (A) W.11-12.8. E1.V.1 (A) (E1.I.8) LA 12.1.4.A. E4.C.MC.1.1. 11-12.RN.2.2. LA 12.1.5.C. LA 12.1.5.D. LA 12.1.6.F. LA 12.1.6.E. 11-12.RN.2.1. 11-12.RN.1.1. L.11-12.4A L.11-12.4D L.11-12.6 W.11-12.8 RI.11-12.4 RI.11-12.1 RI.11-12.2 LA 12.1.6.11) LA 12.1.6.11) E1.I.1 (C) E1.I.1 (A) 110.31 (B) E1.I.2 (A) 110.48.4 (F) RI.11-12.2. RI.11-12.1. 110.31 (A) (E1.8) LA 12.1.6.M. LA 12.1.6.I. LA 12.1.6.O. LA 12.2.1.C. E1.1 (A) LA 12.4.1.A. RI.11-12.4. 110.47.4 (C) E3.RI.P.4.3. E3.RI.P.4.1. E3.I.3.2. E3.I.2.1. E3.RI.MC.5.1. E3.RI.MC.5.2. E3.RI.LCS.9.2. E3.RI.LCS.9.1. E3.RI.LCS.8.1. E3.RI.MC.6.1. E2.C.MC.1.1. E4.RI.LCS.9.4. 11.5.A) 11.5.D) 11.5.11) E4.RI.LCS.9.2. 11.4.B) 11.3.F) E4.RI.LCS.9.5. 110.48.5 (A) 11.3.B) E3.RI.LCS.9.3. E3.RI.LCS.9.4. 11.11.6.6. 11.11.4.4.D. 11.11.4.4.A. 11.9.7.7.B. E4.RI.MC.5.1. E4.RI.MC.5.2. E4.RI.LCS.9.1.