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Autumn and It's Time for Colder Weather (and a Vocabulary Ladder)

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Now that it's October, the days are getting shorter (in the northern hemisphere) and the temperature is starting to dip. This would be a good time to do a Vocabulary Ladder on temperatures. Here's how you can. Present your students with words about temperature. Here's a list (you can choose 5-10 from these or add your own).

Frigid

Sizzling

Brisk

Cool

Warm

Sweltering

Freezing

Bitter

Cold

Lukewarm

Pleasant

Hot

Quickly discuss the meanings of the words with students, then ask them to work alone, with a partner, or in a small group to order the words in a ladder from hottest to coldest. When the students complete the task, discuss how students ordered the words (did all students order them the same way?). On a classroom chart, put the words on display for the week. Then encourage your students to use the words in their own written and oral language. You might want to ask them to try to refrain from using *hot* and *cold*! Each day discuss the weather and ask students to use words from the Vocabulary Ladder in their discussion. Happy October!

For more on Vocabulary Ladders and building students' vocabularies in fun ways, please see:

<https://www.teachercreatedmaterials.com/teachers/series/vocabulary-ladders-192/>