



Here's a Thanksgiving word ladder. Start with:

- Thanks**      Take away 2 letters to make a container for water or gasoline
- Tank**        Take away 1 letter to make what you want to happen when you sit out under the sun.
- Tan**         Change 1 letter to make the past tense of "run." "It was raining so hard today that I \_\_\_\_\_ all the way home."
- Ran**        Change 1 letter to make a big mouse or rodent.
- Rat**         Add 1 letter to make a word that describes when you evaluate someone or something.
- Rate**        Add 1 letter to make what you do when you "shred" cheese for pizza.
- Grate**       Add 3 letters to make another word for being "Thankful"
- Grateful**

Here's More Below:

The Latin word pattern (morpheme) grat-/grace- means thanks. Here are English words that have this pattern. Put them on display and challenge your students to determine what these words have to do with "Thanks."

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| <p><b>Grateful</b></p> <p><b>Gratitude</b></p> <p><b>Grace</b></p> <p><b>Gracious</b></p> <p><b>Gratuity</b></p> <p><b>Ingrate</b></p> <p><b>Congratulate</b></p> <p><b>Gracias</b></p> |
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