

Name _____

Rhyme Steps Answer Key

1. cake → lake → make
2. kite → bite → light
3. boat → goat → coat
4. feet → meet → sweet
5. home → dome → foam
6. rain → train → brain

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:** Students practice phonemic awareness by changing one sound while keeping the **long vowel rhyme** pattern.
- **Differentiation:**
 - Support: Say each starting word aloud and offer the middle word orally before students write it.
 - Challenge: Ask students to add a fourth rhyming step to any ladder.
- **Engagement:** Have students read each ladder aloud after completing it to hear how the rhyme stays the same.
- **Extension:** Students create their own word ladder using a long vowel rhyme family of their choice and swap with a partner to solve.