Stretchy Word Ladder Answer Key

1. street → greet → sheet

2. stray → tray → stay

3. straw → staw → draw

4. string → sting → ring

5. strong → wrong → song

Teacher's Guide

- Review how the blend changes per rung. Model one example on the board before allowing independent practice.

- Encourage students to **say each new word aloud** to check if it is real or meaningful; this reinforces decoding and phonemic manipulation.

- Provide letter tiles or small paper squares with letters for students who benefit from hands-on manipulation.

- For early finishers, let them create their own two-step str- ladder using any str word they choose.