

Name _____

Climb The Blends Answer Key

One possible correct ladder:

1. sand
2. band
3. bend
4. send

Other correct variations are acceptable if each step changes only one letter and creates a real **-nd** word.

Teacher's Guide

- This ladder encourages flexible decoding and deeper understanding of how **one-letter changes** affect word structure and meaning.
- Remind students that only **one letter** should change at each step and every new word must remain a real **-nd** word.
- For differentiation, offer an optional **word bank** of real **-nd** words (land, wind, hand, sand, band, bend, send) to support students who need scaffolding.
- For extension, have students build their own ladder starting with a different **-nd** word or challenge them to explain how the meaning changes at each rung.