

## Chicken or the Egg Word Ladder

Which came first - the chicken or the egg? Start at the top with the word **chicken**. **Read** and follow the directions beside each white box to add, subtract, or change letters. Each clue will also give you a hint about the meaning of the new word. **Write** the new word in the box. Work your way down the list to get to the word **egg**. Then, read **Chickens** or **The Chickens and the Fox**.

chicken

**Start here.**

*A bird that lays eggs and lives on a farm.*

**Take away the en at the end.**

*The name for a baby chicken.*

**Change the c to t at the beginning.**

*The opposite of thin;  
another word for wide or broad.*

**Change the ck to n at the end.**

*The opposite of thick;  
another word for skinny or slender.*

**Change the t to c at the beginning.**

*The part of the face that is below  
the mouth and above the neck.*

**Change the ch to w at the beginning.**

*The opposite of lose;  
to come in first place in a contest.*

**Change the w to p at the beginning.**

*A small, pointed piece of metal that  
attaches two pieces of fabric together.*

**Change the n to g at the end.**

*An animal that lives on a farm  
and enjoys being in the mud.*

**Change the i to e in the middle.**

*A short piece of wood that holds things in place;  
another word for stake or spike.*

egg

**Take away the letter p at the beginning and add a g to the end.**

*An oval or round object that is laid by a female bird;  
sometimes eaten for breakfast with bacon.*