

# PUZZLE

Change the word "RATS" into the word "MICE" in only four steps. Starting with the word "RATS" change only one letter at a time to form a new word, without rearranging the letters.

For example : change BOAT into CASH in four steps

- BOAT
- COAT (1)
- COST (2)
- CAST (3)
- CASH (4)

Now try changing RATS into MICE in four steps :

- R A T S
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- M I C E (4)




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## RAT LOVERS

T A A N B F E D C H I J O  
 A B L T P L Q R S V K A K  
 N A B A R E B A C K L K I  
 W B E R K S H I R E X L T  
 A F G I Y B J L M N A M T  
 F G H X A E Z U N G P O E  
 H O O D E D F C A L I L N  
 U M L U D H S I R I G P L  
 Q R O P T S E U L S H S M  
 E S E M A I S N M H K I N

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| 1. AGOUTI    | 11. SELF  |
| 2. BAREBACK  | 12. SIAMESE   |
| 3. BERKSHIRE | 13. TAN   |
| 4. ENGLISH   | 14. ?   |
| 5. FAWN      |   |
| 6. HOODED    |   |
| 7. IRISH     |   |
| 8. KITTEN    | Puzzle by:  |
| 9. LILAC     | Aunalee Pippin,   |
| 10. REX      | DeGraff, OH  |