

# From Rumors to Lies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Remember the game called “Telephone”? The players sit in a circle, and the first player whispers something into the second player’s ear. Then the second player whispers into the third player’s ear, and so on. Most often, the words that the last person speaks are nothing like the words that the first person spoke. It’s a good example of how rumors can become lies, and why spreading gossip or rumors of any kind can be dangerous.

Here is a word game called “Changelings” that demonstrates how a word’s entire meaning can change by changing just one letter in it. And each time another letter changes, the word gets even further from its true meaning. Using the clues, see how you can change WORDS into HARMS by changing only one letter in the previous word.

We find many of these in the dictionary.

W O R D S

Small wiggly creatures often used for bait.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

In the winter, the fire does this for us.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

In the country, you see many of these.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Every rumor we spread about someone does this.

H A R M S

Now see if you can change LOVE into HATE and then back into LOVE.

What we should feel toward God and neighbor

L O V E

The \_\_\_ Ranger

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

A path or small road

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Not on time

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

The opposite of love

H A T E

Destiny

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

What we pay when we ride a bus or cab

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

A piece of merchandise

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

How a furnace keeps our homes

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

A patient might be in one in a hospital

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Another word for grease used in cooking

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

One of God’s titles

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Yesterday, the player \_\_\_\_\_ a helmet on his head.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

She \_\_\_\_\_ her hair into braids.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

The opposite of hate

L O V E