ALPHABETICALLY-ADJACENT LETTER REPLACEMENT

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One letter of the first word is replaced by one of its 2 alphabetically-adjacent letters (1 in the case of A and Z). Using this principle, we can make various length word chains.

4 WORDS

AARON - BARON - CARON - DARON  
BOG - COG - DOG - DOH

CANE - CAME - DAME - DANE  
COSIES - COSIER - COSHER - COSHES

DAM - DAN - CAN - BAN  
DASHED - CASHED - BASHED - BATHED

FUN - GUN - HUN - HUM  
GARTER - FARTER - FASTER - EASTER

LISTER - MISTER - MISSER - MISSES  
NAIL - MAIL - MAIM - MAIN

SPOT - SOOT - ROOT - ROOS

5 WORDS

BART - BARS - CARS - CART - DART

BATTER - BASTER - BARTER - CARTER - DARTER

BUSTER - BUTTER - CUTTER - CUSTER - DUSTER

CASES - BASES - BARES - CARES - DARES

MASTER - LASTER - LATTER - MATTER - NATTER

MOPS - MOOS - MOOT - LOOT - LOOS

MOSS - MOST - LOST - LOSS - LOTS

NATTER - MATTER - LATTER - LASTER - MASTER

RUSER - ROUTER - ROTTER - ROSTER - ROSSER

THANE - THAME - SHAME - SHANE - SHAND

TOWER - SOWER - ROWER - ROVER - ROVES
6 WORDS
BARD – CARD – CARE – BARE – BASE – CASE
LATHES – LASHES – MASHES – Masher – Lasher – LATHER
LETTER – LESTER – LESSER – MESSER – MESSES – NESSES
LOTT - LOTS - LOSS - LOST - MOST - MOSS
LOVES - LOVER - LOWER - MOWER - MOVER - MOVES
MOOTER - LOOTER - LOOSER - LOOSES - MOOSES - NOOSES
RUM - RUN - SUN - TUN - TUM - SUM
TEAT - TEAS - TEAR - SEAR - SEAS - SEAT

7 WORDS
LETS - LESS - MESS - NESS - NETS - NETT - NEST
REAM - REAL - SEAL - TEAL - TEAM - SEAM - SEAN
RONE - ROME - ROLE - SOLE - SOME - TOME - TONE
SAME - SAME - TAME - TALE - SALE - SAKE - TAKE

9 WORDS

11 WORDS

My longest chain has 12 WORDS: