**Another Word Ladder for Football Season!**

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***Start with “Quarter” – One fourth of an object; a coin worth 25 cents.***

1. ***Quarter Take away 2 letters to make a volume amount of 32 ounces.***
2. ***Quart Take away 2 more letters to make* objects such as paintings, sculptures, or drawings.**
3. ***Art Add 1 letter to make a small, slender missile this is pointed at one end and usually feathered at the other; used in a game of the same name.***
4. ***Dart Change 1 letter to make another word for soil or earth.***
5. ***Dirt Replace the first letter with 2 others to make a garment worn on the upper part of the body.***
6. ***Shirt Change 1 letter to make a word that means to avoid responsibility or one’s duty.***
7. ***Shirk Change 1 letter to make a dangerous marine animal.***
8. ***Shark Change 1 letter to make a rough cabin or shanty.***
9. ***Shack Take away 1 letter to make a large bag for holding objects.***
10. ***Sack Change 1 letter to make a word that when added to the first work makes one of the most important positions on a football team!***
11. ***Back Quarterback!!!***

When finished have students make a list of all the famous quarterbacks they know (e.g. Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, etc.).

Have students sort the words they made into words that are associated with football (e.g. dirt, sack, etc.) and words not associated with football. Have them explain their sorts.

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**Also see: Rasinski, T. *Daily Word Ladders* (Grades K-1, 1-2, 2-4, and 4-6). Scholastic.**