

Running out of Ink

ANSWER: NEWSPAPER

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The video given gives “stroke counts” for each letter of the alphabet in a fictitious typography:

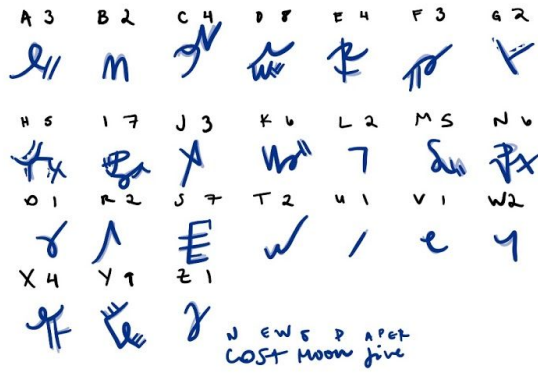
<i>Letter</i>	<i>Stroke Count</i>
A	3
B	2
C	4
D	5
E	4
F	3
G	2
H	5
I	7
J	3
K	6
L	2
M	5
N	6
O	1
P	4
Q	3
R	2
S	7
T	2
U	1
V	1
W	2
X	4
Y	9
Z	1

The stroke count of each of these given letters, if summed, is the same amount that subtracts from the number on the left of the example word ladder. Filling out the rest of the word ladders by referencing the amount of “ink” lost per new word in the ladder:

<i>Remaining “ink”</i>	<i>“Ink” used on line</i>	<i>Word in ladder</i>
74		
62	12	COLD
52	10	GOLD
43	9	GOOD
34	9	WOOD
24	10	WORD
12	12	WARD
0	12	WARM
~	~	~
83		LEFT
64	19	SAME
48	16	CAME
30	18	CASE
14	16	CAST
0	14	(COST)
~	~	~
94		MIDDLE
78	16	DUNE
62	16	DONE
50	12	DOLE
38	12	MOLE
25	13	MOLD
13	12	MOOD
0	13	MOON
~	~	~
106		RIGHT
94	12	FEAR
82	12	FEAT
71	11	FELT
60	11	FELL
46	14	FILL
30	16	FILE
15	15	FIVE

0	15	JIVE
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Writing COST, MOON, and JIVE using the alphabet from the video:



NEWSPAPER
COST MOON JIVE

The answer, if you squint, is **NEWSPAPER**