## Algebra Ladder

Each color group of statements is a subset of the standards from a single grade level from K to Math 4. Cut and rearrange them into the correct order. Try to do this without using the curriculum.

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