

A **multiple-meaning word** is a word with **more than one meaning**.

► **Context clues** help determine which meaning is used.



My sister is great at **playing** the **organ**.

The **heart** is a major **organ** in the human body.

There was a **loud racket** when the bookcase fell over.

I played **tennis** with my new **racket**.

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Which words are examples of a **multi-meaning word**? Explain.



In your own words, what are multiple-meaning words?

- 1 Read the **multiple-meaning word** and its **meaning**.
- 2 Read the sentences.
- 3 Identify **context clues** in the sentence. (highlight)
- 4 Select the correct meaning of the **multiple-meaning word**. (write)

A season (n.)

Period in a year with particular climate/weather patterns (spring, winter, summer, fall)

B season (v.)

Apply spices or flavoring to food

1 The rainy **season** is good for the spring harvest.

2 Baseball **season** is ending soon. The weather is getting too cold.

3 Did you **season** the soup to give it a good taste?

4 I added a mix of **seasonings** to the BBQ rub. This will give the meat more flavor.

A novel (n.)

A narrative or story book that has many pages

B novel (adj.)

New or an interesting way of doing something

5 I finished reading the **novel** by Mark Twain called ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer***.

6 Mike has a **novel** way of painting houses. He starts with the edges then fills in the rest.

7 The author of the **novel** is having a book signing today.

8 Sally is a **novel** chess player. She started playing last week.

Skill Closure

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B squash (v.)	To crush or squeeze something out of shape

1	Parsnips, squash , and carrots are starchy vegetables.
2	The restaurant is now serving butternut squash soup.
3	Ali squashed my hat flat.

Concept Closure

 Harry told Ron “**Yesterday, I squashed a watermelon and ate it!**”

Ron thinks his friend ate squash and watermelon yesterday. Is Ron correct? Explain.

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Summary Closure

What did you learn today about determining the meaning of multiple-meaning words?

Word Bank

determine
multiple-meaning
words
context clues

Read the sentence. Select the correct multiple-meaning word.

1. First, read the definitions for the word trip.

trip 1. A journey or voyage. 2. A stumble. 3. A mistake.
(v.) 4. To make a person fall down.

Then read this sentence.

The caravan of travelers had a difficult trip over the mountain.

What definition best matches the meaning of trip as it is used in the sentence?

- A definition 1
- B definition 2
- C definition 3
- D definition 4

2. First, read the definitions of the word.

absorb 1. to involve full attention 2. to soak up 3. to fill up time
4. to pull within borders, like a cell or a land

Then read this sentence.

This paper does not absorb the ink very well.

What definition best matches the meaning of absorb as it is used in the sentence?

- A definition 1
- B definition 2
- C definition 3
- D definition 4

Read the sentence. Select the correct multiple-meaning word.

3. First, read the definitions of the word.

present	1. a gift	2. happening right now
	3. to be at a certain place	4. a verb tense

Then read this sentence.

Robots are **present** in many factories. They are making it easier for production.

What definition best matches the meaning of **present as it is used in the sentence?**

- A** definition 1
- B** definition 2
- C** definition 3
- D** definition 4

4. First, read the definitions of the word.

coach 1. person who trains athletes 2. a part of a train	3. least expensive seats 4. a cart pulled by horses
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Then read this sentence.

As a teen gymnast, George Nissen and his **coach** created a bouncing trampoline.

What definition best matches the meaning of coach as it is used in the sentence?

- A** definition 1
- B** definition 2
- C** definition 3
- D** definition 4



Listening

Read the word and each meaning. Listen to each sentence.
Select the correct meaning used in the sentence. (write A or B)

current

A Something happening now

B The direction and speed of flow of something

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5

3

6



Reading

Read the passage. Select the correct multiple-meaning word.

A	light (n.) a measurable energy that moves	B	light (n.) the brightness that comes from a source
C	light (v.) to make something burn	D	light (v.) to turn or switch something on that brightens
E	light (adj.) of little weight	F	light (v.) to come to rest; land

The boy scouts had to _____ the fire in the woods. As they looked up at the stars, their

scout leader said, “_____ travels at 186,000 miles per second.” The next morning the boys

went hiking, where they saw a bird _____ on the tree branch. They relaxed after their hike,

enjoying the warm _____ from the sun.

 Writing

Read the sentence. Write a response.

When my grandpa was young, his job was to clean out every single stall on the farm.

Manny said that the word stall means to cause something to stop.
Jason said that it is a place that holds animals.

Who is correct? Explain.



Read the sentence.
Discuss a response with your partner.

My little brother was trying to weasel his way out of doing the dishes.

Maria said that the word weasel means to be sneaky.
Jason said that it is an animal.

Who is correct? Explain.