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.



fan



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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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A squash (n.)	A type of vegetable	
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?

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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.

1. a gift present

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 <u>present</u> 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

Then read this sentence.

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

What definition best matches the meaning of <u>coach</u> as it is used in the sentence?

A definition 1

B definition 2

C definition 3

D definition 4



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

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		current	
A	Something happening now	В	The direction and speed of flow of something
1		4	
2		5	
3		6	



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

Α	light (n.) a measurable energy that moves	В	light (n.) the brightness that comes from a source
С	light (v.) to make something burn	D	light (v.) to turn or switch something on that brightens
E	light (v.) 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.



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.



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.