

Multiple-Meaning Words

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Read each sentence carefully. The word in ALL CAPS has two meanings listed below it. Write the number (1 or 2) of the meaning that matches how the word is used in the sentence.

1. I need to PARK my bicycle by the front door.

1. an outdoor area with grass and trees
2. to leave a vehicle in a place

2. The BAT flew out of the cave at sunset.

1. a wooden stick used in sports
2. a flying animal that is active at night

3. Please WATCH the baby while I make dinner.

1. to look at or observe something
2. a small clock worn on the wrist

4. My sister will TRAIN for the big race next month.

1. to practice and prepare for something
2. a vehicle that runs on railroad tracks

5. The teacher asked us to PLACE our papers on her desk.

1. to put something somewhere
2. a location or area

6. The LIGHT from the lamp helped me read my book.

1. not heavy
2. brightness that helps you see

7. We will BOOK our hotel room before the trip.

1. something with pages that you read
2. to reserve or schedule something ahead of time

8. The RULER of the ancient kingdom made fair decisions.

1. a person who leads a country or area
2. a tool used to measure and draw straight lines

9. My dad will PRESENT the award at the ceremony tonight.

1. a gift given to someone
2. to give or show something to others

10. The soldiers had to DESERT their camp during the storm.

1. a dry, sandy area with little water
2. to leave or abandon a place

11. The scientist wanted to CONDUCT an experiment with magnets.

1. to lead or direct something
2. behavior or the way someone acts

12. The artist decided to PRODUCE a new sculpture for the museum.

1. fruits and vegetables sold at a market
2. to create or make something

Answer Key — Multiple-Meaning Words

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. 2 (*The sentence describes leaving the bicycle in a place, not an outdoor area.*)
2. 2 (*The sentence describes an animal that flew, not a sports stick.*)
3. 1 (*The sentence is asking someone to observe the baby, not referring to a clock.*)
4. 1 (*The sentence describes practicing for a race, not a railroad vehicle.*)
5. 1 (*The sentence is asking students to put papers somewhere, not describing a location.*)
6. 2 (*The sentence describes brightness from the lamp, not something that is not heavy.*)
7. 2 (*The sentence describes reserving a hotel room, not something you read.*)
8. 1 (*The sentence describes a person who leads a kingdom, not a measuring tool.*)
9. 2 (*The sentence describes giving the award to others, not a gift.*)
10. 2 (*The sentence describes leaving the camp, not a dry, sandy area.*)
11. 1 (*The sentence describes leading or directing an experiment, not behavior.*)
12. 2 (*The sentence describes creating a sculpture, not fruits and vegetables.*)