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Multiple Meaning Words: Learn and Practice

One word, more than one meaning

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

Multiple Meaning Words

- Some words are spelled the same but have different meanings.
- Use the other words in the sentence to figure out which meaning fits.
- A bat flew out of the cave. Jen swung the bat.

1. What does fly mean here? A fly landed on my sandwich.
   A. to travel by plane B. a small insect
   C. to wave a flag D. to move through the air

2. What does bark mean here? The dog began to bark.
   A. to whisper softly B. the outside of a tree
   C. to make a loud dog sound D. to jump high

3. What does bat mean here? The bat flew out of the dark cave.
   A. a small flying animal B. a kind of hat
   C. a stick used to hit a ball D. to hit something

4. What does ring mean here? Mom wears a gold ring.
   A. jewelry worn on a finger B. to call on a phone
   C. a place for a show D. the sound a bell makes

5. What does wave mean here? A big wave crashed on the beach.
   A. a sudden feeling B. to move your hand hello
   C. moving water in the sea D. a curl in your hair

6. What does light mean here? The box was light, so I carried it.
   A. a lamp B. not dark C. to start a fire
   D. not heavy

7. What does row mean here? We sat in the front row.
   A. to grow taller B. to move a boat with oars
   C. a line of seats D. a loud fight

8. What does park mean here? Dad will park the car.
   A. a sports game B. a playground
   C. a place with grass and trees
   D. to stop and leave a car

Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for multiple meaning words and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 🪰 What does fly mean here? A fly landed on my sandwich.

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C. to wave a flag D. to move through the air

A fly that lands on food is a small insect.

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Dogs bark, so here it means the sound a dog makes.

3 🦇 What does bat mean here? The bat flew out of the dark cave.

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Flew and cave are clues that this bat is an animal.

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Wears and gold are clues that this ring is jewelry.

5 🌊 What does wave mean here? A big wave crashed on the beach.

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Crashed and beach tell you this wave is water.

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Carrying the box is the clue. Light means not heavy here.

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C. a line of seats D. a loud fight

Sat and front are clues that row means a line of seats.

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You park a car when you stop it and leave it in a spot.