



Sample Items from

Words with Multiple Meanings

*Five Activities
with Answer Keys*

Sentence Sense

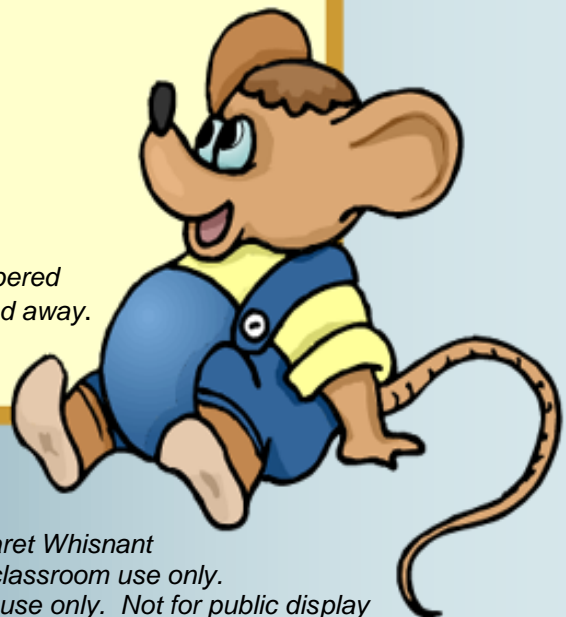
Word ID

Multiple Meanings Fill-in

Spot the Meaning

Connect the Definitions

After a **bit**, a second small mouse scampered close, **bit** off a **bit** of cheese, and scurried away.



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Words with Multiple Meanings



Sentence Sense

Which hard-working word in the box below makes sense in all three of the following sentences?

Jason raised his _____ for permission to speak.

I will be happy to lend a _____.

Please _____ the note to Mrs. Boston.

wing

check

safe

mean

ring

well

play

hand

past

rock

right

It's **hand**, of course! It can be used in all three sentences because it has multiple meanings. The same is true of the other ten words. Study the groups of sentences that follow. Then go to the box and find the word that fits all three. Write it in the blank to the left.

_____ 1. I am careful to park my bike in a _____ place when I'm not using it.
Dad stores our important family documents in a fireproof _____.
To be _____, you should always look in both directions before crossing a street.

_____ 2. Todd is learning to throw a _____ so that it skips over water.
I like to feed my baby sister and then _____ her to sleep.
Three local _____ bands performed at the Fourth of July picnic.

_____ 3. "I _____ it!" Mom warned.
Don't be _____ to someone just because you don't agree with them.
What is the _____ temperature for June in your state?

Full activity has ten items.

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Word ID

One of the words listed after each set of sentences has multiple meanings, and it will correctly complete all three sentences. ID the word and write it in the blank to the left.



_____ 1. My new jeans were _____ the first few days I wore them.

Hold _____! This is going to be a wild ride!

Our family has been on a really _____ budget this month.

stiff tight fast strict

_____ 2. Which button should I _____ to change the channel?

I had to _____ four shirts because I left them in the dryer too long.

The _____ asked several questions about the town council's decision to close the park.

public choose press fold

_____ 3. Melissa walked around all day like she was under a _____.

Can you _____ the names of all the U.S. states?

Losing my homework could _____ trouble!

spell name cause cloud

Full activity has ten items.

Words with Multiple Meanings

Multiple Meanings Fill-in

Each one of the ten words in the center box will fit perfectly in one of the ten sentences to the left. Because they all have multiple meanings, they will also complete the ten sentences to the right. Fill in the blanks on both sides with the correct words.

1. This package weighs one _____ and 3 ounces.

2. _____ the candles first and then sing *Happy Birthday*.

3. Grandfather gave me his grandfather's gold pocket _____ and chain.

4. It's really hard to be _____ when you're waiting for your birthday party guests to arrive.



11. I was able to _____ my favorite TV show and still get to the game on time.

12. The new umpire was _____ and tall and sort of hungry looking, but he had a strong voice for making the calls.

13. Someone in the crowd began to _____ on a drum each time a strike was called.

14. I was careful not to _____ over anyone when I made my way down the bleachers to the concession stand.

hit

lean

pound

trip

tie

watch

light

pitcher

spot

patient

Full activity has twenty items.

Two more activities of ten items each included in the pack.