

Words with Multiple Meanings

Six Activities
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Sentence Clues

Which word from the box will correctly complete all three of the following sentences?



Someone managed to _____ our pizza during delivery.

_____ is not my favorite vegetable, but Mom uses it in a scrumptious casserole.

The game of _____ is played indoors on a court with playable surfaces on the walls.

bluff	flounder	sentence	reservations	buckle	rank	
squash	peer	resigned	trace	temper	novel	present

If you narrowed it down to *squash*, you're absolutely 100% perfectly definitely correct! In the first sentence, *squash* is a verb that means "to press into a flat mass." In the second, it names a vegetable. In the last sentence, *squash* become a tennis like-game that has players literally bouncing off walls.

Squash and its twelve companions above are examples of words that have multiple meanings. Study the clues in the groups of sentences that follow and find the word in the box that fits all three. Write it in the blank to the left.

_____ 1. Mom has _____ about allowing me to attend the party.

We have 7:30 _____ at the restaurant.

Many Native Americans continue to live on _____.

_____ 2. The bumbling burglar thought he had made a clean getaway, but police were able to _____ his muddy footprints to his home.

A number of ships and planes have disappeared without a _____ into the mysterious Bermuda Triangle.

Iron, copper, and zinc are examples of important _____ elements necessary for good health.

_____ 3. Several inexperienced runners began to _____ by the time they reached the half-way point of the race.

Katie ordered broiled _____, but I ordered shrimp.

Unless someone comes to my rescue with extra funds, my tree house project is bound to _____ before completion.

_____ 4. Only three club members were _____ for the meeting.

I can't wait to open the birthday _____ from my grandparents.

"Please sit here for the _____," Ms. Lindsey said. "I'll find a more comfortable chair for you shortly."

_____ 5. _____ your seatbelts, please!

The flimsy plastic container began to _____ in the microwave.

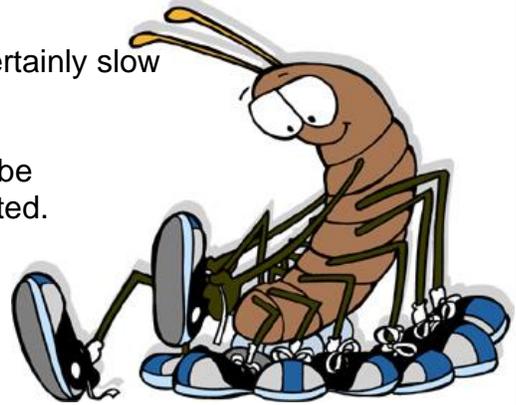
It's difficult to _____ down and do homework when I want to go out and ride my bike.

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Spot the Meaning

Study the sentence and decide which definition fits the **bold print** word. Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. If a centipede had to buy shoes, he would certainly slow the line to a crawl at the checkout **counter**.
- A. in opposition, against, or contrary to
 - B. a table or display case where goods can be shown or where business can be conducted.
 - C. a surface for the preparation of food in a kitchen
 - D. a person or device that counts, such as items produced or traffic flow
- _____ 2. The judge ordered Ms. Banyan's employer to **garnish** her wages at \$20 a week until the debt was paid.
- A. to decorate
 - B. an edible item served with food to add flavor, color, presentation, etc.
 - C. a legal procedure that requires a person to give up property, such as wages, to pay a creditor
 - D. a plant, such as parsley
- _____ 3. It took several minutes for me to **digest** the startling fact that Mom gave me permission to attend a week-end camping trip with three friends.
- A. to take in mentally and reach an understanding
 - B. to change food into absorbable form that will nourish the body
 - C. a collection of literary, legal, or scientific materials, especially in condensed form
 - D. to arrange or classify in a systematic order
- _____ 4. Mr. Trevor was asked to **express** his opinion before the committee voted.
- A. clearly indicate and definite
 - B. direct or fast, as a delivery
 - C. to represent as a symbol, character, figure, or formula. such as H_2O
 - D. to put one's thoughts into words
- _____ 5. This time, please **staple** your report pages to each other and not to your shirt.
- A. a basic and necessary food item such as flour and salt
 - B. an important item or something featured often, such as reality TV shows
 - C. to secure or fasten with a short piece of bent wire driven by a special device that clinch the open ends together.
 - D. the chief product(s) produced and exported by a country or region
- _____ 6. Mrs. Lindsey finally convinced her incredulous 6 year old that the \$20 bill he printed from the computer was not legal **tender**, and she would not be taking him to buy a new toy train.
- A. an officially accepted medium of payment, especially money
 - B. being of a very young, immature and vulnerable age
 - C. not hard or tough
 - D. to present formally for acceptance, such as a resignation



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Body Parts Challenge

Write the name of the body part that will correctly complete each sentence in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. Don't _____ me about my clown haircut! I don't like it either.
- _____ 2. The _____ of the hurricane is passing over the coast.
- _____ 3. "Class," the teacher said. "Let's all welcome our new _____ who has moved here from Mars."
- _____ 4. Fallen limbs forced traffic to travel on the _____ of the road for several hundred yards.
- _____ 5. It's my birthday party, and I intend to _____ myself with the largest squirt gun on record and win the water battle event.
- _____ 6. By the final _____ of our long vacation, the whole family was tired and grumpy and glad to be headed home.
- _____ 7. We need to go _____ to square one and start over.



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Word ID

Nouns and Verbs

Connect the Definitions

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