

Words with Multiple Meanings

Printable Worksheets

6th-8th

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Missing Words

Directions: All of the missing words in the following sentences are stored in the word box. Study the sentence for context clues to identify the missing word and write it in the blank provided. Each word will be used at least twice. Some will be used more than twice.

Word Box

- batter
- utter
- solution
- barge
- draft
- crane
- mold

1. A _____ loaded with construction equipment slowly pulled into the harbor.
2. The fans cheered uproariously when the team's best _____ stepped up to the place.
3. Dangerous black _____ was growing on the walls of the abandoned house.
4. Inaya added a pinch of salt to the cake _____.
5. Wanda refused to _____ a word when asked to explain her behavior.
6. The cake slid out of the _____ without damaging a single crumb.
7. The whooping _____ is the tallest bird in North America, reaching up to 5 feet in height and boasting a wing span of 7 to 8 feet.
8. Mrs. Westover uses a _____ of vinegar, salt, and dish soap to control the weeds that appear in her garden.
9. A cold _____ flowed through the room, adding gloom to the atmosphere.
10. Gabe has finished a rough _____ of his second short story.
11. I had to _____ my neck to watch the eagle soar off the cliff.
12. The manager was able to find a satisfactory _____ to the custom service problem.
13. High winds and rain continued to _____ the coast for hours.
14. Large horses, such as the Clydesdale, bred for doing heavy work are known as _____ horses.
15. It isn't polite to _____ into a room without knocking.
16. The artist worked for days to _____ a lump of clay into a sculpture of a ballerina.
17. The team decided to _____ two new players.
18. The bee in the classroom created _____ chaos.
19. The workers used a _____ to lift the heavy beam and swing it into position.
20. The United States stopped the military _____ in 1973 and transferred all-volunteer military.



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Multiple Meanings Matchup

Directions: Match the words in the box with their multiple meanings. All of the words will be used at least twice. Some of them will be used more than twice. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank.

1. a type of soft, absorbent paper used for cosmetic purposes
2. a body of water forming an indentation in the shoreline
3. the proportions between two sizes, such as a drawing and an actual object
4. an instrument for weighing
5. a contest between two or more parties or groups
6. giving up a requirement, usually begrudgingly, to reach an agreement
7. eat greedily and in large amounts
8. a deep, prolonged howl
9. to choose not to do something
10. a short piece of wood or paper tipped with a substance that bursts into flame when subjected to friction
11. a series of musical tones in ascending or descending order according to pitch
12. stinky; offensive odor or flavor

A. match

B. scale

C. tissue

D. rank

E. refrain

F. concession

G. bay

H. gorge

I. gravity

13. the force by which objects tend to fall toward the center of the earth
14. a small shop in a public place, such as a sports stadium or theater, where things are sold
15. a small, flat plate covering the body of a fish
16. a group of similar cells that function together
17. a position within a group, such as best to worst
18. to be equal or similar; to harmonize with, as in clothing
19. a union, such as a marriage
20. to climb up or reach, as on a ladder or rope; to reach the highest point of, as a mountain.
21. various compartments or sections of a building used for a particular purpose
22. a recurring phrase or verse in a song
23. seriousness; urgency
24. a narrow passage through land
25. a horse with a reddish-brown color



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Multiple Meanings with Sentence Clues

coach	pound	engaged	quarters	spell	stuff
trace	screen	lounge	frame		

All ten of the words in the box above have multiple meanings. Study the *italicized clue words and phrases* in the following sentences to identify the word that correctly completes its meaning. Write your answer in the space to the left. Each word in the box will be used 3 times.

- _____ 1. Always do a _____ check before *sending an email*.
- _____ 2. Mom divided the pizza into _____ so each of the *four children* could have an equal share.
- _____ 3. The _____ *led his baseball team* to a *tournament victory*.
- _____ 4. With a subscription to *this site*, we can _____ our *family history*.
- _____ 5. Several pop-up adds appeared on my *computer* _____.
- _____ 6. Mr. Reynolds accidentally *ripped* the _____ in his *garden shed door*.
- _____ 7. Two men in the back of the restaurant were _____ in a *loud conversation*.
- _____ 8. My sister's *new boyfriend* has her starry-eyed and under a _____.
- _____ 9. My grandparents bought a motor _____ and set out on a year-long *tour the US*.
- _____ 10. Carla and Mike are _____ *to be married*.
- _____ 11. Uncle Max bought an outdoor _____ *chair* so he could *relax* in the shade on his new deck.
- _____ 12. Nancy likes vintage kitchen _____, especially *mixing bowls* and *salt and pepper shakers*.
- _____ 13. I have three _____, two *dimes*, and a *nickel* in change.



Multiple Meanings Ultimate Challenge Part Two

Directions: Study the following sets of sentences for context clues. Identify the word with multiple meanings that will correctly complete the whole set and write it in the blank provided.

1. A group of paleologists discovered a huge _____ of plant and animal fossils from the Jurassic Period.

I have made two bank withdrawals this week and only one _____.

_____ your backpack in your room and come back to the kitchen for a snack.

2. Aunt Margie has had an _____ in surfing since she was a teenager.

Amiri stopped using the credit card because of its high _____ rate.

How much _____ has your savings account earned this year?

3. The company is destined to _____ because of the poor quality of its service.

Ian ordered tilapia, and I ordered _____ with a lemon butter sauce.

Her voice began to _____ when the truthfulness of her words came into question.

4. Clarence took a deep breath to _____ himself before he began his testimony.

Patti is planning to _____ a poem for her father's birthday.

The researchers are ready to _____ a report of their findings.

How many symphonies did Beethoven _____ during his lifetime?

5. Mr. Whitaker set up an old _____ to catch rainwater for his garden.

The crowd cheered as the antique cannon fired and spewed smoke from its _____.

Heavy rains caused flood waters to _____ through the town.

Marvin is a _____ of laughs when he starts telling jokes.

