

Multiple Meaning Examples

Here are some examples of each of the multiple meaning words used as a noun and a verb. When students understand how multiple meaning words are used in context, their reading comprehension will improve drastically.

1. <u>crash:</u>	I had a car crash.	Tom will try not to crash into the pole.
2. <u>pet:</u>	I have a golden lab for a pet.	Sara and Jenna like to pet dogs.
3. <u>dance:</u>	The middle school will have a dance.	I will dance the jitterbug.
4. <u>cut:</u>	Bill has a cut on his finger	Tam will cut out the pictures.
5. <u>paw:</u>	My dog's paw is big.	The horse will paw at the snow to find grass.
6. <u>dread:</u>	My dread of birds causes me problems.	Marla dreads taking tests.
7. <u>post:</u>	Gary pounded the post into the dirt.	The teacher will post the grades.
8. <u>string:</u>	The guitar string broke.	He has to string beads in preschool.
9. <u>smell:</u>	Kids sweating have a smell.	Sue can smell a skunk.
10. <u>fire:</u>	We will build a fire and roast marshmallows.	The boss will fire him.
11. <u>wish:</u>	Make a wish and blow out the candles.	He will wish for a football.
12. <u>fight:</u>	There was a fight in the parking lot.	He will fight for his life.
13. <u>pack:</u>	The wolf pack killed the zebra	Jeff has to pack his suitcase.
14. <u>love :</u>	My love for you grows everyday.	Tom and Tam love each other.
15. <u>color:</u>	Green is my favorite color.	Tony will color in her coloring book.
16. <u>shape:</u>	A diamond is a shape.	Try to shape the clay into an animal.
17. <u>break:</u>	The employee took a break.	Dusty will try not to break his new toy.
18. <u>track:</u>	The train goes on a track.	The detectives will track the criminal.
19. <u>farm:</u>	We bought a farm.	The farmer will farm 150 acres of corn.
20. <u>point:</u>	The scissors have a sharp point.	It's not polite to point.
21. <u>bend:</u>	We went around a bend in the road.	Don't bend the card.
22. <u>corner:</u>	The car went around the corner.	The hyenas will corner the lion.

23. <u>shot:</u>	The shot hurt.	The hunter shot the deer.
24. <u>spring:</u>	The spring on the mattress is sprung.	Spring out of bed each day!
25. <u>might:</u>	He has a lot of power and might.	I might go to the movies.
26. <u>police:</u>	The police captured the criminal.	Police the area for any litter.
27. <u>stamp:</u>	I bought a book of stamps.	The teacher will stamp the paper "A".
28. <u>trick:</u>	The dog performed a trick.	John will trick Tim into doing his work.
29. <u>crack:</u>	Open the window just a crack.	Sam will crack the nuts.
30. <u>taste:</u>	The taste of the candy was sour.	I will taste the cookies.
31. <u>burn:</u>	Terry got a 3 rd degree burn on his arm.	Tara will burn the candle.
32. <u>walk:</u>	Gary and I went for a long walk.	Will you please walk the dog?
33. <u>whisper:</u>	Larry heard the whisper of the wind.	Whisper the answer to me.
34. <u>tire:</u>	We had to buy 4 new tires for the van.	The kids tire me out.
35. <u>shine:</u>	The shine of window caused a glare.	I need to shine my shoes.
36. <u>trap:</u>	My uncle set a trap to catch a raccoon.	He likes to trap skunk, too.
37. <u>camp:</u>	Adam went to scout camp.	We camp on weekend in our camper.
38. <u>bomb:</u>	A bomb blew up the federal building.	We will bomb out enemies.
39. <u>shop:</u>	At the bridal shop, the girl bought a gown.	I will shop for clothes.
40. <u>place:</u>	Can you come to my place?	Tom will place the glass on the shelf.
41. <u>cover:</u>	Put the cover on the box.	Please cover the meat so it won't spoil.
42. <u>staple:</u>	We need to buy staples.	Staple the papers together, please.
43. <u>shout:</u>	Nick heard a shout for help.	Please don't shout inside.
44. <u>float:</u>	Terry made a root beer float.	The duck can float on the water.
45. <u>station:</u>	The kids toured the fire station.	Station yourself on lookout duty.
46. <u>plan:</u>	Teachers make lesson plans.	Lets plan a party.
47. <u>talk:</u>	I heard talk of a robbery.	Can we talk some time?
48. <u>fence:</u>	They put a fence around the yard.	The vet will fence in his back lot.
49. <u>swing :</u>	Susan put a swing in her back yard.	Will you swing with me?

50. <u>name:</u>	What is your name?	What will you name your baby?
51. <u>set:</u>	The couple got a set of dishes for a gift.	Set the spiker in volleyball.
52. <u>paint:</u>	She chose the blue paint.	Now she will paint her house.
53. <u>cry:</u>	Mason heard the cry of the hawk.	Riley will cry when his mom leaves.
54. <u>store:</u>	I need you to go to the store for me.	I will store my toys in the box.
55. <u>shell:</u>	Katie found a shell at the beach.	Let's shell the peas.
56. <u>map:</u>	Karrie bought a map of the USA.	Now we can map out our trip.
57. <u>block:</u>	Jayden ran around the block.	In football you need to block.
58. <u>pav:</u>	You will get your pay every two weeks.	Shaun will pay his bills.
59. <u>touch:</u>	Hugs are a good touch.	Please don't touch the wet paint.
60. <u>review:</u>	Lets have a review for math.	Bryan needs to review his work.
61. <u>list:</u>	Make a list of the things you need at the store	Matt will list the items here.
62. <u>brush:</u>	I bought a hair brush.	You should brush your teeth every day.
63. <u>snack:</u>	Mom made me a snack after school.	Don't snack before supper.
64. <u>cure:</u>	I hope to find a cure for cancer.	Can you cure my hiccups?
65. <u>fit:</u>	I feel physically fit.	The 60 year old can still fit in her wedding dress.
66. <u>guess:</u>	My guess is 129 jellybeans.	Guess how old I am?
67. <u>respect:</u>	Ryan has respect for his coach.	Please respect your elders.
68. <u>oil:</u>	Our car needs an oil change.	Chad will oil his bike chain.
69. <u>dress:</u>	Kelley bought a new dress.	Tina will dress her doll in a bathing suit.
70. <u>thunder:</u>	I heard thunder last night.	Maybe it will thunder again tonight.
71. <u>snap:</u>	My jeans have a snap on them.	Jenna will snap her coat.
72. <u>paper:</u>	I bought a ream of white paper.	We will paper the bathroom.
73. <u>board:</u>	The man sawed a board.	Board up the windows for the hurricane.
74. <u>snow:</u>	Last winter we had 72" of snow.	It will snow again this week.
75. <u>field:</u>	The farmer planted his field.	The 2 nd baseman will field the ball.
76. <u>stop:</u>	There is a stop sign.	The policeman will stop the car for speeding.
77. <u>hope:</u>	Our hope is that you will get well.	Adam hopes he will get a pickup.
78. <u>wash:</u>	I did 3 loads of wash.	Go and wash the van please.
79. <u>hit:</u>	The boxer took a hit to the face.	That house got hit by a tornado.
80. <u>flood:</u>	There was a flood in Madison in 1993.	Every spring it floods.
81. <u>raise:</u>	The employee would like a raise.	On memorial day we raise the flag.
82. <u>soil:</u>	The farm has fertile soil.	Chad will soil his shirt digging in the dirt.
83. <u>pin:</u>	Does anyone have a safety pin?	I will pin up the hem on your jeans.
84. <u>picture:</u>	I bought a picture for my house.	Picture a rainbow in your mind.
85. <u>mark:</u>	You made a mark on the wall.	Mark where you are in your book.

86. <u>spy:</u>	Larry hired a spy to solve the murder	I spy a butterfly.
87. <u>crown:</u>	The queen is wearing her crown.	The king will crown his son.
88. <u>spell:</u>	The witch will cast a spell on you.	Raymond can spell his name.
89. <u>hold:</u>	Grab a hold of the line.	The mother will hold her baby to nurse.
90. <u>fool:</u>	What a fool he is for smoking.	Jerry tried to fool his teacher.
91. <u>skate:</u>	Kim got new ice skates.	She will skate for 2 hours this Saturday.
92. <u>attack:</u>	William had a heart attack.	The army will attack the enemy.
93. <u>lounge:</u>	Look in the teacher's lounge.	Can we lounge around today?
94. <u>shovel:</u>	Gary bought a new shovel.	Adam shovels snow for the neighbors.
95. <u>pump:</u>	My grandma had a water pump.	She had to pump water daily.
96. <u>jerk:</u>	He is a real jerk.	The fish will jerk your line.
97. <u>grin:</u>	The model has a nice grin	Wipe the grin off your face.
98. <u>rub:</u>	I need a back rub.	Try to rub the spot off the carpet.
99. <u>dream:</u>	Last night I had a dream.	Sometimes I dream about you.
100. <u>drill:</u>	Gary used a drill to make the hole	Can you drill a whole in this board?
101. <u>roast:</u>	Tam made a roast for supper	Tom will roast the turkey in the oven.
102. <u>trade:</u>	Painting is a trade.	I will trade football cards with you.
103. <u>doctor:</u>	Kristen went to the doctor	The nurse will doctor your injury.
104. <u>fish:</u>	Bill caught a 10lb. fish.	He likes to fish for walleyes.
105. <u>help:</u>	Do you need any help?	Kate will help you with math.
106. <u>crowd:</u>	There was a crowd at the mall.	Try not to crowd in line.
107. <u>bowl:</u>	Put the ingredients in the bowl.	Gary will bowl tonight.
108. <u>joke:</u>	The comedian told a joke.	Don't joke about someone's health.
109. <u>roll:</u>	Please pass the rolls.	Jayden can roll over now.
110. <u>chain:</u>	Put the chain around the tree.	Chain Kassie to the tree.
111. <u>signal:</u>	Stop at the signal.	Signal when you are going to turn.
112. <u>mistake:</u>	Everyone makes mistakes.	People mistake me for Tim.
113. <u>harm:</u>	The tornado did a lot of harm.	Smoking harms your lungs.
114. <u>blossom:</u>	The blossom is a pretty pink.	The flower will blossom soon.
115. <u>whistle:</u>	The referee blew his whistle.	Matt will whistle when he is ready.
116. <u>junk:</u>	Katie likes to collect junk.	I will junk this old bike.
117. <u>patch:</u>	Mary put a patch on her shirt.	Ann will patch her jeans.
118. <u>master:</u>	Slaves worked for their master.	Mason will master his numbers.
119. <u>guard:</u>	The guard policed the prison.	Guard your valuables on a trip.
120. <u>beach:</u>	Let's go to the beach.	The whale will beach himself on the beach.
121. <u>report:</u>	I wrote a report on AIDS.	Please report to the principal's office.
122. <u>drug:</u>	Don't take drugs.	The doctor will drug his patients before surgery.
123. <u>salt:</u>	Adam likes salt on his popcorn.	Pat will salt it for him.
124. <u>wiggle:</u>	The girl has a wiggle when she walks.	Don't wiggle in your chair.
125. <u>hammer:</u>	Tom bought a new hammer.	Try to hammer the nail in the wood.
126. <u>scare:</u>	I had a scare when I fell.	The storm will scare Bill.

127. <u>notice:</u>	Put the notice on the bulletin board.	I notice you have a new dress.
128. <u>share:</u>	This is your share of the candy.	Amy will share her clothes.
130. <u>light:</u>	Turn on the light.	This candle will light our way.
131. <u>degree:</u>	I drew a 80 degree angle.	I earned my college degrees. It is 70 degrees outside.
132. <u>nursery:</u>	I took my child to the nursery at the church.	I bought a tree at the nursery.
133. <u>course:</u>	I took a course in Spanish.	I went to the golf course. Of course, I will go. I went through the obstacle course.
134. <u>grave:</u>	I visited my grandma's grave.	The man was in grave condition after the accident.
135. <u>digest:</u>	My stomach will digest the meal I ate.	I have to digest this information for my science test.
136. <u>recall:</u>	I recall the time we had a slumber party.	The dog food was recalled due to rat poison.
137. <u>display:</u>	I will display the clothes in the window.	The display of hand painted eggs was in the art gallery.
138. <u>disguises:</u>	The children wore their disguises to the costume party.	He disguises himself by wearing a mask.
139. <u>lasso:</u>	The cowboy used his lasso when herding the cattle.	Cowboys lasso the baby calves for branding.
140. <u>quarters:</u>	A football game has 4 quarters.	There are 4 quarters in dollar. I cut the apple into quarters. The soldier's sleeping quarters were crowded.
141. <u>bound:</u>	I am bound for California.	The kidnapper bound the child with rope.
142. <u>peddling:</u>	I am peddling my bike.	The peddler was peddling his wares.
143. <u>mission:</u>	It was the army's mission to capture the terrorists.	The monk slept at the mission.
144. <u>racket:</u>	There was a loud racket out in the hallway.	I bought a new tennis racket.
145. <u>court:</u>	The judge wanted order in his court.	The team played basketball on the court. In the olden days, a man would court a woman.
146. <u>diet:</u>	I need to go on a diet.	I diet by eating fruits and veggies.
147. <u>minor:</u>	Kids under 18 are considered minors.	I had a minor accident.