Multiple Meaning Words

(Context Clues and Dictionary Skill)

**Read this dictionary entry**

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| **Float** (floht)   1. *verb* To rest on water or air. 2. *verb* To move lightly or easily. 3. *noun* A small floating object attached to the end of a fishing line that holds the line up. 4. *noun* A decorated truck or flat platform that forms part of a parade. |

1. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word float is used?

**The leaf fell from the tree and floated to the ground.**

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2. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word float is used? **The fisherman had many floats in his tackle box.**

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| **Lot** (lot) 1. | *noun* A large number or amount. |
| 2. | *noun*  A piece of land. |
| 3. | *noun* A group of objects or people. |
| 4. | **a lot** *adverb* Much |

1. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word lot is used?

**A lot of apples rolled off the pile.**

* 1. A large number or amount.
  2. A piece of land.
  3. A group of objects or people.
  4. Much

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| **Plate** (playt) *noun*   1. A flat dish used for food. 2. A flat sheet of metal. 3. A color illustration in a book. 4. Home base in baseball. 5. One of the sheets of rock that   make up the earth’s outer crust. |

1. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word plate is used?

**Baseball legend Reggie Jackson manages to touch the plate and score a run.** a. A flat dish used for food.

1. A flat sheet of metal.
2. A color illustration in a book.
3. Home base in baseball.

5. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word plate is used?

**“Please put your plate in the dishwasher,” said Mom.**

1. A flat dish used for food.
2. A flat sheet of metal.
3. Sheet of rock
4. Home base in baseball.

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| **Dig** (dig) 1. | *verb* To use a shovel or spade to move earth. |
| 2. | *verb* To look very hard for information. |
| 3. | *noun* A push or poke. |
| 4. | *noun* An archeological excavation. |

6. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word dig is used?

**Corey was on a dig in Jamestown.**

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Multi Meaning Quiz

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| Reserve (ri‐zurv)   1. *verb* To arrange for something to be kept for later use. 2. *verb* To save for a special purpose or later use. 3. *verb* To keep for oneself. 4. *noun* A protected place where animals can live safely. |

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**Let’s reserve our strength for the mile run.**

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**We visited the animal reserve to see the elephants.**

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| Spring (spring)   1. *noun* The season between winter and summer. 2. *verb* To jump suddenly. 3. *verb* To appear suddenly. 4. *noun* A coil of metal that moves back to its original shape or position after being stretched or pushed down. |

1. In the sentence below, which meaning of the word spring is used?

**Flowers sprang up everywhere.**

* 1. The season between winter and summer.
  2. To jump suddenly.
  3. To appear suddenly.
  4. A coil of metal

**Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions.**

One Saturday morning, the Smith family woke up and wondered what they were going to do that day. Mrs. Smith suggested going to the mall. Mr. Smith suggested doing yard work. Tom, Jenny, and Sam agreed that they wanted to go to the zoo. Mr. and Mrs. Smith agreed and they decided on a trip to the zoo. The family gathered all the essentials: hats, sunscreen, camera, and tennis shoes. They jumped in the car and were headed to the zoo.

Once they arrived at the zoo, the kids could not wait to see all of the animals. Tom wanted to see the tigers first. Then they moved on to see the monkeys, which were Jenny’s favorite. After seeing the hippos, the Smith family decided it was time to eat lunch. Once they were finished, they made sure to seal their water bottles so they did not leak while they were walking. Next, Sam led them to see the elephants. The Smith family spent a wonderful day seeing and learning about all the animals in the zoo. **Read the dictionary entry:**

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| **Trip** (trip) 1. | *verb* To stumble |
| 2. | *noun* A journey or voyage |
| 3. | *verb* To cause to fail |
| 4. | *verb* To step lightly or nimbly |

1. In paragraph 1, which meaning of the word trip is used?
   1. To stumble
   2. A journey or voyage
   3. To cause to fail
   4. To step lightly or nimbly

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| Seal (seel)   1. *noun* A mark or symbol attached to legal documents 2. *verb* To assure, confirm or bind with 3. *noun* A marine mammal 4. *verb* To fasten or close tightly |

1. In paragraph 2, which meaning of the word seal is used?
   1. A mark or symbol attached to legal documents
   2. To assure, confirm or bind with
   3. A marine mammal
   4. To fasten or close tightly