

Word Meaning Showdown Answer Key

Sample Dictionary Meanings

1. **lead** -

1. (*verb*) To guide or direct.
2. (*noun*) A heavy, soft gray metal.
3. (*noun*) A position of advantage or first place.

2. **row** -

1. (*noun*) A line of things arranged side by side.
2. (*verb*) To move a boat using oars.
3. (*noun*) A noisy argument or fight (British English).

3. **bow** -

1. (*verb*) To bend forward as a sign of respect.
2. (*noun*) A curved weapon for shooting arrows.
3. (*noun*) A decorative knot made from ribbon or string.

4. **park** -

1. (*verb*) To bring a vehicle to a stop and leave it temporarily.
2. (*noun*) A public green space for recreation.

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips:

- **Grades 5-7:** Provide a simplified dictionary or a word bank with part-of-speech clues.
- **Grades 8-10:** Encourage students to find **etymology** or **origin** for each word.
- **Grades 11-12:** Expand the task—students create **example sentences** showing each definition in use.