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Mixed-Up Meanings

Directions: Read the funny dialogue below. The characters misunderstand each other because of a **homograph**—a word that has more than one meaning. Then, answer the questions that follow to show you understand both meanings of the word.

Dialogue: "The Broken Bat"

Mia: Oh no! My bat is broken!

Jake: That's terrible! How long has it been sick?

Mia: Sick? It's not sick—it's cracked in half!

Jake: Wait... how can an animal crack in half?

Mia: Animal? I'm talking about my baseball bat! The wooden kind!

Jake: Ohhh! I thought you meant a bat that flies at night!

Mia: (laughing) Nope, just the one that hits home runs!

Comprehension Questions

1. What word caused confusion between Mia and Jake?
2. What two meanings does this word have?
3. Which meaning did **Mia** use?
4. Which meaning did **Jake** think she meant?
5. Write your own short sentence using **bat** in each meaning:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____