

## Mixed-Up Meanings Answer Key

1. **bat**
2. It can mean a **wooden stick used in baseball** or a **flying mammal**.
3. Mia used the meaning of a **baseball bat**.
4. Jake thought she meant a **flying animal**.
5. Sample answers:
  - a) He swung the **bat** and hit a home run.
  - b) A **bat** flew out of the dark cave.

### Teacher's Guide

#### Differentiation Tips:

- **Grades 2-4:** Read the dialogue aloud and act it out to emphasize tone and humor.
- **Grades 5-7:** Have students identify the **context clues** that reveal the correct meaning.
- **Grades 8-12:** Challenge students to rewrite the dialogue with a new homograph causing confusion.

#### Engagement Ideas:

- Perform a "**Homograph Comedy Skit**"—students write and perform short scenes like Mia and Jake's.
- Play a **Guess-the-Word Game** where one student gives clues for both meanings, and others must guess the homograph.

#### Extension Activities:

- Ask students to **illustrate** both meanings of the homograph from the story.
- Have pairs create their own **Double-Meaning Dialogues** using words like *rock*, *bark*, *row*, or *park*, then share them with the class.