

Context Clue Sleuths Answer Key

1. **bow** - a curved wooden instrument part used with a violin.
2. **bow** - to bend forward or downward.
3. **bass** - a type of fish.
4. **bass** - low, deep musical sound or instrument.
5. **tear** - to rip or pull apart.
6. **tear** - a drop of liquid that comes from the eye.
7. **park** - to stop and leave a vehicle in a space.
8. **park** - an outdoor area for play or recreation.
9. **lead** - a heavy gray metal element.
10. **lead** - to guide or direct others.

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips:

- **Grades 3-5:** Read each sentence aloud and model identifying clues in the sentence that hint at the correct meaning.
- **Grades 6-8:** Challenge students to explain their reasoning in full sentences using **evidence from context**.
- **Grades 9-12:** Encourage use of dictionaries to compare **part of speech** and **etymology** of each homograph.

Engagement Ideas:

- Create a "**Homograph Detective Notebook**" where students collect new examples they find in books or conversations.
- Have students draw both meanings of one word to visualize the concept.

Extension Activities:

- Ask students to **write short stories** using at least five homographs correctly in different contexts.
- Play "**Context Clue Court**" where students defend their choice of meaning using evidence from the sentence.