

Name _____

Word in Context

Directions: Read each short paragraph. Each paragraph uses the same word twice, but the meanings are different! Explain what each meaning is in your own words.



1. When the **coach** saw the team struggling, she decided to **coach** them on how to stay focused under pressure.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____

2. My little brother used a **bat** costume for Halloween, but then tripped over his **bat** during baseball practice the next day.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____

3. After the power outage, the only **light** came from our candles, but the backpack felt so **light** I barely noticed carrying it.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____

4. The detective studied the **case** carefully, hoping to find clues, before closing his suitcase, which was also called a **case**.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____

5. The **seal** splashed water on the crowd at the zoo, and later the zookeeper used tape to **seal** a broken sign.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____

6. When I saw the **wave** of students coming down the hallway, I stopped to **wave** at my best friend.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____

7. The **bark** from the dog startled the mail carrier, but the tree's rough **bark** didn't move at all.

Meaning 1: _____

Meaning 2: _____