

Word in Context Answer Key

1. **coach** – (1) a person who trains others; (2) to teach or guide someone.
2. **bat** – (1) a flying animal; (2) a stick used in sports like baseball.
3. **light** – (1) brightness that allows us to see; (2) not heavy in weight.
4. **case** – (1) a situation being investigated; (2) a container or suitcase.
5. **seal** – (1) an ocean animal with flippers; (2) to close or fasten something securely.
6. **wave** – (1) a moving swell of people or water; (2) a motion of the hand to greet someone.
7. **bark** – (1) the sound a dog makes; (2) the outer covering of a tree.
8. **watch** – (1) to look at or observe carefully; (2) a timepiece worn on the wrist.

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: Understanding **Multiple Meaning Words** through **contextual analysis** in connected text.

Grade Range: Designed for Grades 6–9; easily adaptable for Grades 4–12.

Differentiation Ideas

- *Support learners:* Use simpler words and highlight clues within the paragraph.
- *Challenge learners:* Ask students to write a third original sentence using the same word in a new way.
- *ELL support:* Pair each paragraph with an illustration or translation of one meaning.

Extension Activities

- Have students write their own mini-paragraphs using a multiple-meaning word twice in different ways.
- Connect to dictionary work by having students look up both meanings and compare the example sentences.