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## Word Sleuth Answer Key

1. 1

4. 1

2. 3

5. 2

3. 2

6. 3

### Teacher's Guide

**Skill Focus:** Recognizing **Multiple Meaning Words** and identifying correct meanings using **dictionary context clues**.

**Grade Range:** Grades 3-6 (scaffolded for use in Grades 2-8).

### Teaching Tips

- Start by modeling how dictionary entries list meanings in order of most common use.
- Read a sentence aloud and discuss which definition makes sense and *why*.
- Encourage students to underline clue words in each sentence that help determine meaning.

### Differentiation Ideas

- *For struggling readers:* Simplify definitions or include pictures next to each word.
- *For advanced learners:* Add a 4th "trick" definition and ask them to justify their choice in writing.
- *ELL support:* Use bilingual dictionaries or have students act out each meaning.

### Extension Activities

- Challenge students to write their own dictionary entries for words with three meanings.
- Play "Definition Detective": read a sentence aloud, and students race to identify which meaning fits.