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# Context Clues

## Multiple Meaning Words



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1. Which sentence uses current to mean "the movement of water or air"?
  - A. The current news report was on the front page.
  - B. The strong current carried the boat down the river.
  - C. My current favorite book is about space.
  - D. Please stay current with your homework.
  
2. Which sentence uses pitch to mean "to throw"?
  - A. The pitch of the note made my ears ring.
  - B. The singer held a high pitch.
  - C. The coach will pitch the baseball to the batter.
  - D. The child sang off pitch.
  
3. The hikers stopped to rest under a large oak tree. Which meaning of **rest** fits best?
  - A. To relax or take a break
  - B. The part that remains
  - C. To lean something on a surface
  
4. Which sentence uses the word charge to mean "ask someone to pay"?
  - A. The rhino began to charge across the field.
  - B. They will charge five dollars to enter the zoo.
  - C. My phone needs to charge before I use it.
  - D. The knight will charge into battle.

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1. Which sentence uses row to mean "to move a boat"?
  - A. We planted a row of corn in the garden.
  - B. The students sat in a row on the stage.
  - C. We will row the canoe across the lake.
  - D. The row of chairs was near the window.
  
2. Which sentence uses pitcher to mean "a container for holding liquid"?
  - A. The pitcher threw the ball over the plate.
  - B. Mom filled the pitcher with lemonade for the picnic.
  - C. The pitcher practiced his fastball.
  - D. The crowd cheered for the pitcher on the mound.
  
3. Which sentence uses right to mean "correct"?
  - A. Turn right at the stop sign.
  - B. She raised her right hand to answer.
  - C. The flag is on the right side of the door.
  - D. You got every answer right on the test!
  
4. Which sentence uses fine to mean "a payment for breaking a rule"?
  - A. You'll have to pay a fine for parking in the wrong place.
  - B. I'm feeling fine today.
  - C. That's a fine painting on the wall.
  - D. The sand felt fine between my toes.



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1. Which sentence uses set to mean a group of items?

- A. I will set the book on the table.
- B. The actors stood on the movie set.
- C. I bought a new set of crayons for school.

2. Which sentence uses light to mean not dark in color?

- A. I painted my room a light shade of blue.
- B. My backpack is light, so it's easy to carry.
- C. Please turn on the light so I can read.

3. Which sentence uses watch to mean a period of guard duty?

- A. The soldier took the first watch during the night.
- B. I love to watch the stars at night.
- C. My watch tells the correct time.

4. Which sentence uses nail to mean to do something perfectly?

- A. She hammered a nail into the wall.
- B. You nailed that math test—you got every answer right!
- C. I painted my fingernail bright red.



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  - A. I need a break after running outside.
  - B. The glass might break if you drop it.
  - C. The singer got her big break when she was discovered on TV.
  
2. Which sentence uses play to mean a story acted out on stage?
  - A. We watched the school's play about the American Revolution.
  - B. I love to play the piano after dinner.
  - C. The kids will play tag during recess.
  
3. Which sentence uses run to mean to operate something?
  - A. I will run for class president.
  - B. Dad taught me how to run the washing machine.
  - C. I can run faster than my dog.
  
10. Which sentence uses check to mean a mark showing correctness?
  - A. My teacher put a check on my paper to show it was correct.
  - B. I need to check my homework for mistakes.
  - C. Dad wrote a check to pay the bills.