

Meaning Checkpoint

Verify each meaning claim with context and a reference source.

11.L.V.3.d "Use available print and/or digital resources, including reference materials, style guides, digital tools (e.g., online searches, embedded word processing features) to determine, clarify..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

MEANING MATCHES

The stated meaning matches the word as it is used in the sentence. A dictionary, glossary, or trusted online reference can confirm it.

The lawyer made a plausible claim, meaning one that seemed reasonable or believable.

MEANING DOES NOT MATCH

The stated meaning does not fit the word or its context. A reference source will show a different meaning.

The lake was placid, meaning noisy and stormy.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Part 1: Circle MATCH or MISMATCH for each meaning claim; Part 2: Choose two items, name the reference tool you used, and explain in one sentence each how it confirms or disproves the stated meaning.

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| 1. | The committee reached a consensus, or general agreement. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 2. | The rental agreement is binding, meaning easy to change. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 3. | Her candid response was honest and direct. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 4. | The historian called the letter a primary source, meaning a record created during the time being studied. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 5. | The factory's output was negligible, meaning very large. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 6. | The speaker used a concise introduction, meaning one that wandered through many details. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 7. | The coach's directive was an official instruction. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |
| 8. | The artist's medium was watercolor, meaning the material used to create the work. | <input type="button" value="MATCH"/> | <input type="button" value="MISMATCH"/> |

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Part 3: Write one sentence and a stated meaning for MATCH, then write one sentence and a stated meaning for MISMATCH. Use a dictionary, glossary, or trusted online reference to check both words.

MATCH _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Find a word with two dictionary meanings. Write two sentences that use different meanings of the word, then cite the reference source you used.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The committee reached a consensus, or general agreement.	MATCH	Consensus means general agreement.
2	The rental agreement is binding, meaning easy to change.	MISMATCH	In this context, binding means legally enforceable, not easy to change.
3	Her candid response was honest and direct.	MATCH	Candid means honest and straightforward.
4	The historian called the letter a primary source, meaning a record created during the time being studied.	MATCH	A primary source is created during the period or event being studied.
5	The factory's output was negligible, meaning very large.	MISMATCH	Negligible means so small or unimportant that it is not worth considering.
6	The speaker used a concise introduction, meaning one that wandered through many details.	MISMATCH	Concise means brief and expressed in few words.
7	The coach's directive was an official instruction.	MATCH	A directive is an official or authoritative instruction.
8	The artist's medium was watercolor, meaning the material used to create the work.	MATCH	In art, a medium is the material used to create a work.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MATCH:** The proposal was feasible, meaning possible to do successfully.
- **MISMATCH:** The witness gave a vague description, meaning one that was exact and detailed.

Challenge: Source: Merriam-Webster Dictionary, entry for "draft." The editor revised a draft of the article before publication. A cold draft entered through the open window.

Items 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 are MATCH. Items 2, 5, and 6 are MISMATCH; accept any credible reference source and an explanation that accurately connects the source definition to the sentence context.