Animal Meaning Hunt

Use sentence clues to find the meaning.

2.L.V.3.a "Use context within and beyond a sentence to determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

ANIMAL MEANING

The word means a living animal. Read the nearby words for clues.

The "mole" dug under the garden.

OTHER MEANING

The word means something that is not an animal. Read the nearby words for clues.

My "calf" hurt after I ran.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle ANIMAL or OTHER for the word in quotation marks, then choose two items and explain which clue words helped you.

1. Mia swung the "bat" at the ball. ANIMAL OTHER

2. The "duck" paddled across the pond. ANIMAL OTHER

3. A "crane" stood in the shallow water. ANIMAL OTHER

4. The tall "crane" lifted steel beams. ANIMAL OTHER

5. The rubber "seal" kept water out of the jar. ANIMAL OTHER

6. The "seal" balanced a ball at the aquarium. ANIMAL OTHER

7. The rough "bark" covered the tree trunk. ANIMAL OTHER

8. I can "bear" this heavy backpack. ANIMAL OTHER

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

Write one new sentence for ANIMAL and one new sentence for OTHER. Put the word you are sorting in quotation marks.

ANIMAL _____

OTHER _____

CHALLENGE

Pick one word that can mean an animal and something else. Write two sentences, one for each meaning, and underline the clue words.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Mia swung the "bat" at the ball.	**OTHER**	Bat means sports equipment.
2	The "duck" paddled across the pond.	**ANIMAL**	Duck means the bird.
3	A "crane" stood in the shallow water.	**ANIMAL**	Crane means the bird.
4	The tall "crane" lifted steel beams.	**OTHER**	Crane means a lifting machine.
5	The rubber "seal" kept water out of the jar.	**OTHER**	Seal means a tight cover.
6	The "seal" balanced a ball at the aquarium.	**ANIMAL**	Seal means the sea animal.
7	The rough "bark" covered the tree trunk.	**OTHER**	Bark means the outer covering of a tree.
8	I can "bear" this heavy backpack.	**OTHER**	Bear means carry or handle.

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)

- **ANIMAL**: A "turkey" walked across the yard.
- **OTHER**: We ate "turkey" at dinner.

Challenge: A fly _landed on my sandwich_. _Birds_ fly over the pond.

In Part 2, accept explanations that name a nearby clue and connect it to the word's meaning. Part 3 and challenge answers may vary when the context clearly supports each meaning.