

Meaning Match Detectives

Use a dictionary meaning that fits the sentence.

3L4.d "Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases."

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MEANING MATCHES

The dictionary meaning fits the way the word is used in the sentence.

The **bat** flew out of the cave. Meaning: an animal that flies at night.

MEANING IS DIFFERENT

The dictionary meaning does not fit the way the word is used in the sentence.

The **seal** clapped at the zoo. Meaning: a stamp that closes an envelope.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, use a beginning dictionary or a glossary that has the word to look up each bold word, circle MATCHES if the given meaning fits the sentence or DIFFERENT if it does not, then for Part 2 choose two items and write the dictionary meaning and how it fits or does not fit.

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| 1. | 1. Mia picked up a light box. Meaning: not heavy. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 2. | 2. The crane lifted steel beams. Meaning: a large bird with long legs and a long neck. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 3. | 3. We sat on the river bank . Meaning: land beside a river or lake. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 4. | 4. Dad will park the car. Meaning: an area with grass and trees for people to visit. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 5. | 5. The dog began to bark . Meaning: a sharp sound made by a dog. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 6. | 6. The class watched a play . Meaning: to have fun with toys or games. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 7. | 7. A jam stopped traffic. Meaning: a line of cars that cannot move easily. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |
| 8. | 8. Lena wore a ring . Meaning: a circular band worn on a finger. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ DIFFERENT |

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 and a meaning for MATCHES. Then write one new sentence and a meaning for DIFFERENT.

MATCHES _____

DIFFERENT _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word from an item you marked DIFFERENT. Write a new sentence where the given meaning would match.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. Mia picked up a light box. Meaning: not heavy.	MATCHES	Light means not heavy in this sentence.
2	2. The crane lifted steel beams. Meaning: a large bird with long legs and a long neck.	DIFFERENT	Crane means a tall machine that lifts heavy objects here.
3	3. We sat on the river bank . Meaning: land beside a river or lake.	MATCHES	Bank means the land beside water here.
4	4. Dad will park the car. Meaning: an area with grass and trees for people to visit.	DIFFERENT	Park means to leave a vehicle in a place here.
5	5. The dog began to bark . Meaning: a sharp sound made by a dog.	MATCHES	Bark means the sound a dog makes here.
6	6. The class watched a play . Meaning: to have fun with toys or games.	DIFFERENT	Play means a performance for an audience here.
7	7. A jam stopped traffic. Meaning: a line of cars that cannot move easily.	MATCHES	Jam means a traffic blockage here.
8	8. Lena wore a ring . Meaning: a circular band worn on a finger.	MATCHES	Ring means jewelry worn on a finger here.

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)

- **MATCHES:** The **mole** dug in the dirt. Meaning: a small animal that lives underground.
- **DIFFERENT:** I **watch** birds from the window. Meaning: a small clock worn on your wrist.

Challenge: A crane waded in the pond.

Answers are 1 MATCHES, 2 DIFFERENT, 3 MATCHES, 4 DIFFERENT, 5 MATCHES, 6 DIFFERENT, 7 MATCHES, 8 MATCHES. For Part 2, accept explanations that name the word sense shown by a beginning dictionary or glossary and connect it to the sentence.