

Word Switch

Use the sentence to find each word's meaning.

3L4 "Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies, including, but not limited to the following."

NAME _____

DATE _____

ACTION MEANING

An action is something someone or something does.
Read the whole sentence to see if the bold word tells what happens.

We **paint** the fence.

THING MEANING

A thing can be a person, place, object, or idea. Read the whole sentence to see if the bold word names a thing.

The red **paint** dripped.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle ACTION or THING for each sentence, then in Part 2 choose two sentences and tell which words in the sentence helped you decide.

1. Please **watch** the baby.

ACTION

THING

2. The **plant** has yellow flowers.

ACTION

THING

3. The porch **light** is on.

ACTION

THING

4. The flag will **wave** in the wind.

ACTION

THING

5. The **watch** tells time.

ACTION

THING

6. We will **plant** beans.

ACTION

THING

7. Please **light** the candle.

ACTION

THING

8. A huge **wave** hit the shore.

ACTION

THING

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 sentence with a bold-word meaning that is an ACTION and one sentence with a bold-word meaning that is a THING.

ACTION _____

THING _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences using the same word, once as an ACTION and once as a THING. Underline the word in both sentences.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Please watch the baby.	ACTION	Watch means to look after someone, which is an action.
2	The plant has yellow flowers.	THING	Plant names a living thing.
3	The porch light is on.	THING	Light names an object that gives light.
4	The flag will wave in the wind.	ACTION	Wave tells what the flag will do.
5	The watch tells time.	THING	Watch names an object that tells time.
6	We will plant beans.	ACTION	Plant tells what people will do with the beans.
7	Please light the candle.	ACTION	Light means to make the candle start burning.
8	A huge wave hit the shore.	THING	Wave names moving water.

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)

- **ACTION:** I **brush** my teeth.
- **THING:** My **brush** has soft bristles.

Challenge: I kick the ball. That was a strong kick.

Answers are 1 ACTION, 2 THING, 3 THING, 4 ACTION, 5 THING, 6 ACTION, 7 ACTION, 8 THING. In Part 2, accept explanations that use sentence clues to identify whether the bold word tells an action or names a thing.