

Meaning Check

Test a guessed meaning against the sentence.

6L4.d "Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

MEANING FITS

A meaning is CORRECT when it fits the sentence and matches a dictionary definition.

The **fragile** vase could break easily. Fragile means easily broken.

MEANING DOES NOT FIT

A meaning is INCORRECT when it does not fit the sentence or a dictionary definition.

We **observed** the eclipse through safe glasses. Observed means ignored.

1 SORT

6 items

Circle CORRECT or INCORRECT for each meaning, then choose two items and explain which context clues or dictionary definition proved your choice.

1. The trail was **steep**, so we climbed slowly. Steep = sharply sloping.

CORRECT

INCORRECT

2. The **brief** meeting lasted five minutes. Brief = very long.

CORRECT

INCORRECT

3. Wind caused the flag to **flutter**. Flutter = move lightly and quickly.

CORRECT

INCORRECT

4. The scientist **cautiously** handled acid. Cautiously = with care.

CORRECT

INCORRECT

5. Fans **cheered** after the winning goal. Cheered = complained angrily.

CORRECT

INCORRECT

6. The empty hall was **silent**. Silent = without sound.

CORRECT

INCORRECT

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 plus a proposed meaning for CORRECT and one for INCORRECT.

CORRECT _____

INCORRECT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a word that has two meanings, state the intended meaning, and underline one context clue.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The trail was steep , so we climbed slowly. Steep = sharply sloping.	CORRECT	A steep trail has a sharp slope, which explains climbing slowly.
2	The brief meeting lasted five minutes. Brief = very long.	INCORRECT	Brief means short, not very long.
3	Wind caused the flag to flutter . Flutter = move lightly and quickly.	CORRECT	Wind can make a flag move lightly and quickly.
4	The scientist cautiously handled acid. Cautiously = with care.	CORRECT	Handling acid with care fits cautiously.
5	Fans cheered after the winning goal. Cheered = complained angrily.	INCORRECT	Cheered means shouted support or approval.
6	The empty hall was silent . Silent = without sound.	CORRECT	An empty hall can be without sound.

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)

- **CORRECT:** The canyon was **vast**, stretching far beyond the road. Vast means very large.
- **INCORRECT:** Mila **whispered** during the movie. Whispered means spoke loudly.

Challenge: At dusk, the bat flew from the cave. Bat means a flying mammal, and flew is the clue.

Answers: 1 CORRECT, 2 INCORRECT, 3 CORRECT, 4 CORRECT, 5 INCORRECT, 6 CORRECT. For Part 2, accept explanations that connect a context clue or a dictionary definition to the proposed meaning.