# 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

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.

**1.** The committee reached a consensus, or general agreement. MATCH MISMATCH

**2.** The rental agreement is binding, meaning easy to change. MATCH MISMATCH

**3.** Her candid response was honest and direct. MATCH MISMATCH

**4.** The historian calls a participant's firsthand letter a primary source: original evidence of that person's experience. MATCH MISMATCH

**5.** The factory's output was negligible, meaning very large. MATCH MISMATCH

**6.** The speaker used a concise introduction, meaning one that wandered through many details. MATCH MISMATCH

**7.** The coach's directive was an official instruction. MATCH MISMATCH

**8.** The artist's medium was watercolor, meaning the material used to create the work. MATCH 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** _____

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## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

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.

**ANSWER KEY**

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## 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 calls a participant's firsthand letter a primary source: original evidence of that person's experience. | **MATCH** | The firsthand letter is original evidence relevant to this inquiry. Later firsthand recollections may also qualify; timing alone does not decide. |
| 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; 2, 5 and 6 are MISMATCH. Require credible reference consultation and an accurate source/context explanation. Item 4 is firsthand evidence relevant to the inquiry, not a creation-time rule; later firsthand recollections can also be primary. Accept other accurate reference-checked examples and multiple-meaning sentences.