Bank Clue Sort

Use nearby words to choose the meaning of bank.

4.3.B "use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

MONEY

Choose MONEY when bank means a place that keeps or lends money. Look for clues such as check, bills, or clerk.

Rosa handed her check to the bank clerk.

RIVER

Choose RIVER when bank means the land beside a river or stream. Look for clues such as water, fish, or shore.

A fox drank near the bank of a stream.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MONEY or RIVER for each sentence, then choose two item numbers and explain which context clues helped you decide.

1.	Ava put her birthday money into the bank.	MONEY RIVER
2.	The canoe bumped into the bank.	MONEY RIVER
3.	Wildflowers grew along the bank of the creek.	MONEY RIVER
4.	Dad got cash from the bank for groceries.	MONEY RIVER
5.	The bank lent Mr. Lee money to buy a car.	MONEY RIVER
6.	The bank kept important papers in a locked room.	MONEY RIVER
7.	The beaver built its lodge near the bank.	MONEY RIVER
8.	After the flood, mud covered the bank.	MONEY RIVER

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 new sentence using bank with the MONEY meaning and one new sentence using bank with the RIVER meaning.

MONEY _____

RIVER _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence mini-story that uses bank twice, once for each meaning. Then list one clue word for each use.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Ava put her birthday money into the bank.	**MONEY**	Birthday money tells that bank is a place for money.
2	The canoe bumped into the bank.	**RIVER**	A canoe is on water, so bank means land by the water.
3	Wildflowers grew along the bank of the creek.	**RIVER**	Creek tells that bank means land beside water.
4	Dad got cash from the bank for groceries.	**MONEY**	Cash tells that bank means a money place.
5	The bank lent Mr. Lee money to buy a car.	**MONEY**	Lent money tells that bank means a money place.
6	The bank kept important papers in a locked room.	**MONEY**	Locked room for important papers suggests a money bank.
7	The beaver built its lodge near the bank.	**RIVER**	A beaver lives near water, so bank means land by water.
8	After the flood, mud covered the bank.	**RIVER**	Flood and mud tell that bank means land beside 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)

- **MONEY**: On Friday, the bank gave Malik coins for a ten-dollar bill.
- **RIVER**: Reeds bent beside the bank of the river.

Challenge: After the storm, Noah found a wallet on the river bank. He took it to the bank, where a teller found its owner. Clue words: river, teller.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.