

MULTIPLE MEANING WORDS CHARADES

Act It Out! (Charades)

Concept: A hilarious way to get students to physically demonstrate the different meanings of a word.

How to Play:

1. Write several multiple-meaning words on slips of paper and put them in a hat.
2. Divide the class into two teams.
3. A player from one team picks a word and must act out both meanings without speaking. Their team has one minute to guess both meanings of the word.

Example Word: "watch". The student might first point to their wrist and pretend to check the time, then pretend to watch a thrilling tennis match.

Bat

Meaning 1: A flying mammal (noun). The bat flew out of the cave at night.

Meaning 2: A club used to hit a baseball (noun). She swung the bat and hit a home run.

Wave

Meaning 1: To move your hand back and forth to greet someone (verb). I will wave goodbye to my friends.

Meaning 2: A curl of water in the ocean (noun). A huge wave crashed onto the beach.

Rock

Meaning 1: A stone (noun). I skipped a rock across the pond.

Meaning 2: To move gently back and forth (verb). She will rock the baby to sleep.

Light

Meaning 1: The opposite of heavy; not weighing much (adjective). This feather is very light.

Meaning 2: Brightness that lets you see (noun). Please turn on the light so I can read.

Watch

Meaning 1: To look at something carefully (verb). Let's watch the movie tonight.

Meaning 2: A device that tells time, worn on the wrist (noun). I checked my watch to see if it was time for lunch.

Spring

Meaning 1: The season after winter (noun). Flowers bloom in the spring.

Meaning 2: To jump into the air (verb). The cat will spring to catch the toy.

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Story

Meaning 1: A tale about imaginary events (noun). My teacher read us a funny story.

Meaning 2: A level of a building (noun). Our school is a two-story building.

Park

Meaning 1: A public area with grass and playgrounds (noun). We had a picnic at the park.

Meaning 2: To stop and leave a vehicle in a place (verb). My dad will park the car in the garage.

Point

Meaning 2: To direct your finger at something (verb). It's rude to point at people.

Meaning 3: A unit of score in a game (noun). Our team scored the winning point!

Class

Meaning 1: A group of students taught together (noun). Our class is going on a field trip.

Meaning 2: A category or rank (noun). A lion is an animal of the cat class.

Letter

Meaning 1: A character of the alphabet (noun). The word "cat" begins with the letter "C".

Meaning 2: A written message (noun). I wrote a letter to my pen pal.

Match

Meaning 1: A contest or game (noun). We watched a soccer match.

Meaning 3: To be the same or similar (verb). Your socks should match your shirt.

Train

Meaning 1: A connected series of railroad cars (noun). The train whistled as it passed by.

Meaning 2: To teach skills through practice (verb). Coaches train athletes for the big game.

Foot

Meaning 1: The part of the body you stand on (noun). My left foot was sore after hiking.

Meaning 2: A unit of measurement equal to 12 inches (noun). The tree is over ten feet tall.

Nail

Meaning 1: The hard layer on the tip of your finger (noun). I need to trim my nails.

Meaning 2: A small metal spike used in building (noun). He hammered the nail into the wood.

Kind

Meaning 1: A type or sort of something (noun). What kind of ice cream do you like?

Meaning 2: Being nice and generous (adjective). It is important to be kind to others.

Bark

Meaning 1: The tough outer covering of a tree (noun). The bark on the pine tree was rough.

Meaning 2: The sound a dog makes (noun/verb). The dog let out a loud bark when the mail arrived.

Duck

Meaning 1: A waterbird with a flat bill (noun). The duck swam in the pond.

Meaning 2: To lower your head or body quickly to avoid something (verb). Duck or you'll hit your head on the low door!

Sink

Meaning 1: A basin with a drain for washing (noun). I washed the dishes in the kitchen sink.

Meaning 2: To go down below the surface of water (verb). The heavy rock will sink in the lake.

Trip

Meaning 1: A journey or voyage (noun). Our family took a trip to the mountains.

Meaning 2: To stumble or lose your balance (verb). Be careful on the stairs so you don't trip.

Fly

Meaning 1: To move through the air (verb). Birds fly south for the winter.

Meaning 2: A type of insect, like a housefly (noun). A fly buzzed around the room.

Bill

Meaning 1: A statement of money owed (noun). The waiter brought us the bill after dinner.

Meaning 2: The beak of a bird (noun). The duck used its bill to search for food in the mud.

Fair

Meaning 1: Treating everyone equally; just (adjective). It's important for a referee to be fair.

Meaning 2: A festival with games and rides (noun). We won a giant teddy bear at the county fair.

Bowl

Meaning 1: A round dish for food (noun). I ate cereal from a bowl.

Meaning 2: To roll a ball in the sport of bowling (verb). It's your turn to bowl.