

List 156. WORDS WITH MULTIPLE MEANINGS

Many words have several meanings. Here are some of the more common ones.

arms	He placed the child in her mother's <i>arms</i> . The rebels needed to buy <i>arms</i> to fight the war.
ball	The <i>ball</i> rolled under the table. The women wore their prettiest dresses to the <i>ball</i> .
bank	You can cash your check at the <i>bank</i> . We had a picnic on the <i>bank</i> of the river.
bark	Did you hear the dog <i>bark</i> ? The <i>bark</i> on the old tree is dry and brittle.
bat	A <i>bat</i> flew from the barn and frightened me. The children played with the <i>bat</i> and ball.
bit	Jenn checked the <i>bit</i> in the horse's mouth. I <i>bit</i> into the apple. It will take just a <i>bit</i> longer.
blow	The wind began to <i>blow</i> , and the leaves fell. The <i>blow</i> to his head knocked the fighter out.
bridge	We crossed the <i>bridge</i> over the Raritan River. <i>Bridge</i> is a card game for four people.
case	She put her eyeglasses in their <i>case</i> . The lawyer won her first <i>case</i> .
compound	The soldiers surrounded the enemy <i>compound</i> . A <i>compound</i> sentence is made of two clauses.
count	The duke, <i>count</i> , and earl received awards. The child is learning to <i>count</i> from one to ten.
cue	The actor missed his <i>cue</i> and did not say his line. He held the <i>cue</i> steady and aimed at the eight-ball.
date	Bill asked Sally for a <i>date</i> . Today's <i>date</i> is March 28.
fair	The weather was <i>fair</i> on the day of the race. The judge's decision was <i>fair</i> . We went on the rides at the <i>fair</i> .
fan	David is a baseball <i>fan</i> ; he never misses a game. It's very warm; please, turn on the <i>fan</i> .
file	Put your papers in the <i>file</i> . The children marched in a single <i>file</i> . The prisoner used a <i>file</i> to cut the metal bar.
firm	When he finished college, he joined a law <i>firm</i> . Apples should be <i>firm</i> , not soft.