



### Understanding Multiple-Meaning Words

#### Today's Standard

5.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Cues	Notes
What are context clues?	Context clues are hints found within a sentence or paragraph that help deduce the meaning of an unfamiliar word.
How can prefixes and suffixes help?	Prefixes and suffixes are added to root words to change their meaning. Knowing common ones can help determine the meaning of new words.
What is a multiple-meaning word?	A multiple-meaning word is a word that has more than one meaning depending on how it is used in a sentence.
Why use a dictionary?	A dictionary provides definitions, pronunciations, and other information about words. It is a valuable tool for understanding unknown words.
How to infer word meaning?	Inferring word meaning involves using context, word parts, and other clues to figure out what a word means without directly looking it up.

#### Summary

Understanding the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words involves using context clues, prefixes, suffixes, and dictionaries. This skill is essential for reading comprehension and vocabulary development.