



Understanding Multiple-Meaning Words

Today's Standard

8.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 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 you understand the meaning of a new word.
How can you use a dictionary effectively?	A dictionary provides definitions, pronunciations, and examples of how a word is used in sentences.
What are prefixes, suffixes, and roots?	Prefixes, suffixes, and roots are parts of words that help determine their meanings. For example, 'un-' means 'not', and '-ful' means 'full of'.
Why is understanding multiple meanings important?	Understanding multiple meanings is important because it helps in comprehending texts accurately and enhances vocabulary.
Give an example of a word with multiple meanings.	Example: The word 'bark' can mean the sound a dog makes or the outer covering of a tree.

Summary

Understanding and interpreting unknown and multiple-meaning words is essential for reading comprehension. Using context clues, dictionaries, and word parts can help determine meanings.