

Double Play Words

Some words play two positions! A **multiple-meaning word** is spelled the same but means different things. Read each sentence, use the clues around the bold word, and pick the meaning that fits. Every team and person on this sheet is made up.

Name _____

Date _____

WORD TOOLKIT

Multiple meanings

one spelling,
two or more meanings

Context clues

nearby words
give you hints

Swap test

put the meaning in
place of the word

Game or not?

is the sentence
about sports?

Picture it

imagine the scene
in your head

ONE WORD, TWO JOBS

BAT

1. a club for hitting a baseball
2. a flying animal that comes out at night

Write the letter of the meaning used in each sentence.

ROOKIE

- 1 The batter hit a high **fly** ball, and the outfielder caught it.

- a) a small insect with wings
- b) a ball hit high into the air

clue words _____

letter _____

ROOKIE

- 2 Grandpa turned on the **fan** because the gym was so hot.

- a) a machine that blows air
- b) a person who cheers for a team

clue words _____

letter _____

STARTER

- 3 A hockey game has three **periods**, and each one is 20 minutes long.

- a) a dot at the end of a sentence
- b) one part of a game

clue words _____

letter _____

STARTER

- 4 Mom poured lemonade for the team from a tall **pitcher**.

- a) a jug for pouring drinks
- b) the player who throws to the batter

clue words _____

letter _____

PRO

- 5 The judge walked into the **court**, and everyone stood up.

- a) a room where a judge hears cases
- b) the floor where basketball is played

clue words _____

letter _____

PRO

- 6 The forward took a hard **shot** from the blue line.

- a) medicine given with a needle
- b) a try at scoring

clue words _____

letter _____

ALL-STAR

- 7 Coach Ortiz wore her championship **ring** to the team party.

- a) a piece of jewelry worn on a finger
- b) the sound a bell makes

clue words _____

letter _____

CHALLENGE ★

- 8 Challenge: "The **coach** rode with the team to the game on a **coach**." What does each **coach** mean?

- a) a person who trains a team
- b) a big bus for long trips

clue words _____

1st _____ 2nd _____

A One Word, Two Sentences

Find the word from the bank that fits **both** sentences. Write it on the line. Each word is used once.

draft · field · net · pass · save · strike

- 1 The goalie made a great _____ with her glove.
I _____ a little of my allowance every week.

word _____

- 2 The quarterback threw a long _____ to the receiver.
Please _____ the salt to Grandma.

word _____

- 3 In the _____, each team picks new players.
Write a first _____ of your story, then fix it.

word _____

- 4 The players ran onto the soccer _____.
A farmer planted corn in the _____.

word _____

- 5 The puck slid into the back of the _____.
Dad caught a fish with a _____.

word _____

- 6 The batter swung and missed for _____ three.
Lightning can _____ a tall tree.

word _____

Extra point: Which bank word can also mean a cool breeze coming through a window? _____

B Context Clue Hockey

Read the game story. Use the clues around each bold word to answer the questions.

Loons Win It Late

1 The Lakeview Loons and the Pinecrest Pilots were tied 1-1 in the third period. Each team had scored one goal in the first period. Fans pounded on the glass as the puck rattled along the **boards**, the low walls that go all the way around the rink.

2 Pilots forward Jonah Reed raced toward the net, but Loons goalie Mia Chen stayed in her **crease**, the blue painted area right in front of the goal. She knocked his shot away with her glove.

3 With two minutes left, Rosa Vega fired a pass toward the net. The puck **deflected** off Loons forward Theo Park's stick, bounced in a new direction and slid past the Pilots goalie. Theo Park scored, Rosa Vega earned an **assist**, and the Loons won 2-1!

- 1 In paragraph 1, **boards** means:

a) the walls around a rink b) flat pieces of wood

letter _____

- 2 In paragraph 2, **crease** means:

a) a fold line in paper b) the painted area in front of the goal

letter _____

- 3 What does **deflected** mean? Underline the clue words in paragraph 3.

- 4 Who **scored** the winning goal, and who got the **assist**?

scored _____ assist _____

- 5 What was the **final score**, and which team won?

C · YOUR TURN

Pick one word: **point**, **bench** or **goal**. Write one sentence that uses its **sports** meaning and one that uses a **different** meaning.

My word: _____

Sports: _____

Not sports: _____

Answer Key (for teachers & parents)

Answers for **Double Play Words**. Print pages 1 and 2 for students and keep this page for checking. In Section C, give credit for any two correct sentences that show two different meanings of the same word.

Page 1 · Which Meaning?

1. Answer: **b) a ball hit high into the air**
2. Answer: **a) a machine that blows air**
3. Answer: **b) one part of a game**
4. Answer: **a) a jug for pouring drinks**
5. Answer: **a) a room where a judge hears cases**
6. Answer: **b) a try at scoring**
7. Answer: **a) a piece of jewelry worn on a finger**
8. Answer: **1st a) · 2nd b)**

The first coach trains the team; the second is a big bus.

A · One Word, Two Sentences

1. Answer: **save**
2. Answer: **pass**
3. Answer: **draft**
4. Answer: **field**
5. Answer: **net**
6. Answer: **strike**

Answer: **Extra point: draft**

Quick score

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Skills practiced

Multiple-meaning words

Context clues

Vocabulary

Reading comprehension

Sentence writing

Teaching tip: Try the **swap test** out loud: read the sentence again with each meaning in place of the word. The meaning that still makes sense is the right one. Kids can hunt for more two-job words in sports news.

B · Context Clue Hockey

1. Answer: **a) the walls around a rink**
2. Answer: **b) the painted area in front of the goal**
3. Answer: **bounced off something and went a new way**
Clue words: "bounced in a new direction."
4. Answer: **Theo Park scored. Rosa Vega got the assist.**
Rosa Vega's pass bounced off Theo Park's stick into the net.
5. Answer: **2-1, and the Loons won.**
They were tied 1-1, then the Loons scored once more.

C · Your Turn (sample answers)

1. Answer: **point**
Sports: Rosa scored a point. Other: Please point to the map.
2. Answer: **bench**
Sports: The players sat on the bench. Other: We ate lunch on a park bench.
3. Answer: **goal**
Sports: He kicked the ball into the goal. Other: My goal is to read 20 books.