

# Multiple Meaning Words



Understanding what you read

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*Multiple meaning*

words have more than one meaning!

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# Why learn about these words?

Many English words have multiple meanings. Knowing these different meanings can help us to understand what we read.



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# Using context

We can use context, or the words around a multiple meaning word, to figure out its meaning.



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Which meaning fits the context of the sentence?

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A river is a kind of waterway



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This meaning matches the context



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What context can help you to figure this out?

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Why is the picture misleading?

# 10 WAYS ASKING FOR REPETITION

# NO MORE  
DRAMA  
WITH  
YOUR  
GRAMMAR



# 1. Excuse me?

# it might sound offensive with wrong intonation!

## 2. Sorry?

# focus on the intonation



## 3. Pardon? or I beg your pardon?

# posh and formal with an upward intonation otherwise you might sound a bit harsh!

# 4. What was that, sorry?

# focus on the intonation



# 5. What did you just say?

# focus on the intonation



# 6. Sorry, could you say that again please?

# courteous, use please at the end

# 7. Sorry, I didn't quite catch that?

# respectful

**8. Would you mind repeating that again?**

**# polite**



# 9. Come again!

# informal



# 10. How's that again?

# very informal

