

MULTIPLE MEANING WORDS

A list of 125 homographs and homonyms to use with your students. Includes definitions, examples, parts of speech, and pronunciation guides where necessary.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

Here are a few ideas for what your students might do with these words:

1. Write sentences that use multiple meanings within the same sentence. Bonus points for unique uses.
 - I used a *bass* to hit my *bass* drum.
 - I *cleared* off our *clear* kitchen table.
2. Draw an image showing each use of the word, but no writing allowed.
3. Create products that incorporate the various meanings.
 - A *compressible compress* for on-the-go emergencies.
 - The square-*yard yard*: for those living in small apartments.
 - A fish *bank* on a river *bank*: a convenient place for fish to store money.
4. Act out the various meanings in a skit, but no speaking allowed.

WORD LIST

ACCENT

1. (n) - A way of speaking based on where one grew up : "My cousin has an English accent."
2. (n) - An emphasis on a word : "When you say dinosaur, the accent is on the first syllable."
3. (n) - A small, but notable decoration : "When I decorated my bedroom, I put a bit of red paint as an accent."

AFFECT

1. a**ffect** (v) - To change : "Eating candy will affect your health."
2. a**ffect** (n) - Emotion : "The robot had no affect when it spoke."

ATTRIBUTE

1. **a•tri•bute** (n) - A characteristic : "Hair color is one attribute we use to recognize people."
2. **a•tri•bute** (v) - To give credit : "I have to attribute my success to my parents' encouragement."

AUGUST

1. **Au•gust** (n) - The eighth month of the year : "My sister's birthday is the first of August."
2. **au•gust** (adj) - solemn and serious : "The speech honoring fallen soldiers was august."

BANK

1. (n) - A place where money is stored : "I'm going to drop my grandma's birthday check off at the bank."
2. (n) - The sloping land near a river : "You can find lots of frogs down by the bank."
3. (v) - To bounce something off a surface, then into the goal : "To make the shot, I had to bank the basketball off the backboard."

BARK

1. (v) - To make a noise like a dog : "I heard your dog bark late last night."
2. (n) - The surface of a tree : "A tree's bark protects it from insects."

BASE

1. (n) - A headquarters : "The general returned his army safely to the base."
2. (n) - The bottom of an object : "I couldn't push the box over, it's base was too sturdy."
3. (n) - A piece of baseball equipment : "After I hit the ball, I ran to first base and then kept going to second!"

BASS

1. {base} (n) - A low-sounding string instrument : "My cousins are learning violin, but I decided on the bass."
2. {bass} (n) - A type of fish : "My dad and I went out bass fishing last summer."

BAT

1. (n) - A flying mammal : "Many bats eat fruit and live in caves."
2. (n) - A piece of equipment used in baseball : "I always use my lucky bat during important games."

BEAR

1. (n) - An animal : "When hiking, it's important to be aware of bears."
2. (v) - to carry : "When we moved the furniture, I had to bear more weight than you."

BEAT

1. (v) - To hit repeatedly : "We have to beat the rug over and over to get the dust out."
2. (v) - To mix : "Add two eggs, then beat them until they are well-mixed."

BLOCK

1. (v) - To stop something from entering : "I put my desk in front of the door to block anyone from getting in."
2. (n) - A stackable toy : "I tripped over a pile of wooden blocks."
3. (n) - A group of houses on the same street : "My best friend and I live on the same block."

BOOK

1. (n) - A set of papers bound together for reading : "I read six books this summer."
2. (v) - To reserve something ahead of time : "I booked our hotel rooms for the family vacation."

BOX

1. (n) - An object used for storage : "We found another box of toys behind the garage."
2. (v) - To compete in the sport of boxing : "My older brother is learning to box at the gym."

BOW

1. (n) - Equipment used to shoot an arrow : "My friend is an archer and owns an expensive bow."
2. (v) - To bend at the waist : "At the end of the show, all of the performers took a bow."
3. (n) - The shape used when tying string : "I always tie a bow on the presents I give."
4. (n) - The object used to play a violin : "My violin bow is made of horsehair."

CAN

1. (n) - A container : "Be sure to pick up a can of tomatoes."
2. (v) - To fire someone : "My dad had to can one of his employees."
3. (v) - To have the ability to do something : "I can climb that fence, but I don't want to!"

CHANGE

1. (v) - To make something different : "I went home to change clothes."
2. (n) - Coins : "I tipped him using the change in my pocket."

CHECK

1. (v) - To make sure of something : "I thought I packed my math book, but I wanted to check."
2. (n) - A piece of paper used to transfer money : "Since it cost so much, we used a check to buy the boat."

CLEAR

1. (v) - To remove everything : "I cleared the table for dinner."
2. (n) - transparent : "I could see right through the clear glass aquarium."

CLOSE

1. {cloz} (v) - To shut : "The last one in needs to close the door."
2. {clos} (adj) - Near : "I can hear his footsteps, he must be very close."

COMBINE

1. **com•bine** (n) - A group of people working together : "At a combine, some people will grow crops, and others will raise animals."
2. **com•bine** (v) - To put two things together : "When you combine peanut butter and jelly, you get a delicious sandwich!"

COMMUNE

1. **com•mune** (v) - To share with another person or a spirit, often on a deep level : "The fortune teller told me she could help me commune with spirits from the past."
2. **com•mune** (n) - A group of people who live together and share their possessions : "At the commune, everyone helps each other and shares their food and supplies."

COMPACT

1. **com•pact** (v) - To make smaller : "Compact that empty can by standing on top of it."
2. **com•pact** (n) - A device that holds women's makeup : "My mom looked at the mirror in her compact and put some more powder on her face."

COMPOUND

1. **com•pound** (n) - Something that is made of smaller parts. : "Water is a compound of hydrogen and oxygen."
2. **com•pound** (n) - An area enclosed by a fence. : "The soldiers approached the enemy compound and waited outside the fence."
3. **com•pound** (v) - To increase : "Her fear of heights was compounded by her fear of clowns on the carnival ride."

COMPRESS

1. **com•press** (v) - To make smaller : "We will compress the trash by stepping on it."
2. **com•press** (n) - A folded material to put on a wound : "Here, use this shirt as a compress on that cut."

CONDUCT

1. **con•duct** (n) - Behavior : "You all need to follow the appropriate conduct while we're at the museum."
2. **con•duct** (v) - To organize and control : "The boss conducted the meeting, making sure everything went smoothly."

CONSOLE

1. **con•sole** (v) - To try to make a sad person feel better : "After I got my spelling test back, my friend had to console me."
2. **con•sole** (n) - An electrical unit containing controls : "The operator worked at the console for seven hours straight."

CONTENT

1. **con•tent** (adj) - Pleased with the current situation : "I felt completely content while laying in the warm sun by the pool."
2. **con•tent** (n) - The items inside something : "I could wait to see the content of the mysterious birthday box."

CONTEST

1. **con•test** (v) - To argue : "The student had to contest the question because it seemed unfair."
2. **con•test** (n) - A competition : "I can't wait to enter the chili contest this summer!"

CONVICT

1. **con•vict** (n) - One who has been found guilty : "The convict was sent to prison for three years."
2. **con•vict** (v) - To declare someone guilty : "The jury didn't convict her since there wasn't enough evidence."

COOL

1. (adj) - Cold to the touch : "I like when the water is a little bit cool, but not too cold."
2. (adj) - Hip and popular : "Wearing t-shirts backwards is the new cool thing to do!"

COORDINATES

1. {co•ord•in•aytes} (v) - Organizes : "The manager coordinates the rest of the employees."
2. {co•or•din•its} (n) - A set of numbers indicating position : "Using the coordinates and a map, we were able to locate the missing pilot."

COURT

1. (n) - A place where trials are held : "I had to go to court for jury duty last week."
2. (v) - To try to win another's favor : "The governor was trying to court voters so they would elect him."

CRANE

1. (n) - A bird : "That tall, white bird is known as a crane."
2. (n) - A piece of construction equipment : "They used a crane to lift the new sign onto the building."
3. (v) - To bend, especially one's neck : "I had to crane my neck to look around the pole that was blocking my view."

DEFAULT

1. (n) - The original setting of an option : "The default setting of the computer has a yellow cursor, but I want to change it to white."
2. (v) - To fail to pay back a loan : "When I lost my job, I couldn't pay my loan back, so I defaulted."

DEFECT

1. **de•fect** (n) - An imperfection : "I sent the car back, since I noticed a defect in the paint job."
2. **de•fect** (v) - To leave one's country for another : "During the war, an enemy general defected and came to our country."

DESERT

1. **des•ert** (n) - A dry place : "My family went camping in the desert. We had to bring a lot of water!"
2. **des•ert** (v) - To abandon others : "When the battle started to go poorly, many soldiers decided to desert."

DIGEST

1. (v) - To break down food in the stomach : "All this pizza will take a long time for me to digest."
2. (n) - A summary of information : "Rather than reading all of the articles, I just read the digest."

DISCOUNT

1. (n) - A reduced price : "I got a great discount on my sofa! 25% off!"
2. (v) - Not realizing the importance of something : "When the little boy told his mom he heard a strange noise, she discounted his report and ignored what he was telling her."

DISPLAY

1. (n) - A computer monitor : "I bought a new display for my laptop."
2. (v) - To show something : "I put my brand new award on display."

DOES

1. {*duz*} (v) - The present form of *do* : "How much money does your mom make?"
2. {*doze*} (n) - Female deer : "I saw two does in the field with some young deer."

DOWN

1. (n) - The feathers of a young bird : "My pillow is so fluffy because it's filled with down!"
2. (prep) - A direction : "I'm moving my TV down to the first floor."
3. (n) - In American Football, a chance for a team to move the ball forward : "The team has four downs to move the football ten yards."

DOVE

1. {*duv*} (n) - A bird : "A white dove is often released as a sign of peace."
2. {*dohv*} (v) - The past tense of *dive* : "I dove into the pool off the high dive."

DUCK

1. (n) - A water bird : "I went down to the pond and fed the ducks some bread."
2. (v) - To drop down to avoid something : "When the ball was headed at my head, I quickly ducked to avoid it."

DUST

1. (n) - Small particles : "The dust in this old library sure makes me sneeze."
2. (v) - To clean away the small particles : "My favorite part of housecleaning is dusting the shelves."

ENTRANCE

1. **en•trance** (n) - A way into a building : "To be safe, we had to keep the entrance to our building clear."
2. **en•trance** (n) - The arrival of people : "The king and queen made a grand entrance."
3. **en•trance** (v) - To be put under a spell or to be delighted : "The kids were entranced by the juggler's skill."

EVENING

1. (n) - Night : "During the evening, we all sit by the fireplace and read books together."
2. (v) - Making all the same : "When we made cookies, I was in charge of evening out the dough so they would cook at the same rate."

EXACT

1. (adj) - Precise : "My grandpa makes exact measurements before he cuts the wood."
2. (v) - To demand or take with force : "I exacted my revenge by setting my brother's alarm two hours early!"

EXPLOIT

1. **ex•ploit** (v) - To take advantage of : "One student tried to exploit an error on the test to improve her score."
2. **ex•ploit** (n) - An adventure : "This summer, we're going to go on vacation and have some exciting exploits!"

FATHOM

1. (v) - To understand something : "I couldn't fathom why the library didn't have the book I was looking for."
2. (n) - A measurement of depth equal to two yards or six feet : "The ship needed to stay at a depth of at least three fathoms."

FINANCE

1. (n) - The management of money : "In college, my uncle studied finance."
2. (v) - To provide funding : "My uncle agreed to finance my new business, as long as I pay him back next year."

FINE

1. (adj) - Sharp or detailed : "To color in the details, I used a fine-tipped marker."
2. (adj) - Doing well, but not great : "I'm fine, but I felt better yesterday."
3. (n) - A payment one must pay as a penalty : "When we sped on the highway, the police officer gave us a fine."

FLUKE

1. (n) - An unusual and unlikely event : "When I made the shot from half court, it was a complete fluke. I had never done it before."
2. (n) - A type of fish : "I did my fish report on the fluke. It's also known as a flounder."
3. (n) - The tail of a whale : "As the whale came up for air, and then wend underwater, I saw a white spot on its fluke."

FOOT

1. (n) - A unit of measurement : "My dad is one foot taller than my older brother."
2. (n) - A body part : "I injured my foot hiking through the forest."

FREQUENT

1. (adj) - Happening often : "Our teacher makes frequent changes to our homework."
2. (v) - To go to a place regularly : "He frequents this restaurant every week."

GRAVE

1. (n) - A site for burials : "We visited the grave of a famous general."
2. (adj) - Solemn and serious : "Our teacher had a grave look on his face when he handed back our essays."

GROSS

1. (adj) - Disgusting : "The lunch today was mushy and gross."
2. (n) - 144 of something : "My dad's restaurant ordered a gross of napkins."

GROOM

1. (v) - To clean : "I watched the cat groom itself."
2. (n) - A man getting married : "The bride and groom looked beautiful at their wedding."

INCENSE

1. in•**cense** (v) - To make one angry : "The poor test scores incensed our teacher."
2. in•**cense** (n) - An object that produces a smell when burned : "During the service, the burning incensed filled the room with a wonderful odor."

INCLINED

1. (v) - To want to do something : "My dad is not usually inclined to let me stay up past eleven o'clock."
2. (adj) - Raised at an angle going up : "The inclined plank of wood made a great ramp."

INSERT

1. **in•sert** (v) - To put something in : "I inserted the key into the lock and opened the mysterious door."
2. **in•sert** (n) - Loose paper put into a brochure : "I opened the new magazine, and several inserts fell out, asking me to subscribe."

INTERN

1. **in•tern** (n) - A student working for free at a company to learn the industry : "We hired another intern to help test our equipment."
2. **in•tern** (v) - To work for free in order to learn : "I'm going to intern at the power plant the summer."
3. **in•tern** (v) - To hold someone as a prisoner : "We had to intern the enemy soldier until our commander returned."

INTRIGUE

1. **in•trigue** (v) - To arouse interest in another person : "The new student had blue hair. It really intrigued me!"
2. **in•trigue** (n) - Mysteriousness : "There was a lot of intrigue on the playground, people were whispering and looking around, but no one knew what was going on."

INVITE

1. **in•vite** (n) - An invitation : "Did you get my invite to the party?"
2. **in•vite** (v) - To ask someone to come to an event : "I'm going to invite my great grandmother to the party."

JUST

1. (adj) - barely : "I just made it to class on time."
2. (adj) - Fair and true : "The ruler was just. He treated all of his citizens equally."

KIND

1. (adj) - Friendly, generous, or nice : "Your father is so kind to us."
2. (n) - A group that shares characteristics : "Red Delicious is my favorite kind of apple."

LAND

1. (v) - To put an aircraft onto the ground : "The pilot was able to land the plane despite the rough winds."
2. (n) - The surface of the earth : "We traveled 2000 miles across land during our vacation."

LEAD

1. {/led} (n) - A metal : "Lead is a heavy metal, often used to protect patients from x-rays."
2. {/lead} (v) - To be in charge of : "My mom is going to lead the orchestra during their performance tonight."
3. {/lead} (adj) - in charge of : "They're going to promote me to lead salesperson in the store this week!"

LEARNED

1. **learn•ed** (v) - To understand something, past tense : "I learned about the mammals of Australia today."
2. **learn•ed** (adj) - Knowledgeable : "My professor is a very learned woman."

LEFT

1. (adj) - The opposite of the right : "When I write with my left hand, everything looks so messy. "
2. (v) - Departed : "Some of my friends left the party early to study for tomorrow's test."

LETTER

1. (n) - A part of the alphabet : "I remember when I first learned my letters and numbers in kindergarten."
2. (n) - A written piece of communication : "The president receives millions of letters every year."

LIGHT

1. (adj) - Not heavy : "Once I took my laptop out, the bag was very light."
2. (n) - A brightness that makes objects visible : "When the lights turned on, I had to cover my eyes."

LIVE

1. (adj) - Still breathing : "The fish in the aquarium was live, it wasn't a toy!"
2. (adj) - Happening at this moment : "We got to watch the president make his speech live on TV!"

MATCH

1. (v) - To find two things that go together : "I always have to dig through my drawers to find socks that match."
2. (n) - An item used to light other things on fire : "We used a long match to start the barbecue."
3. (n) - Two things that go well together : "I love your outfit, the pants and shirt really match nicely."

MIND

1. (v) - To be bothered by something : "I hope you don't mind, but I'm going to sit down for a moment."
2. (n) - The brain : "My mind is full of amazing facts about dinosaurs."

MINUTE

1. {**my•newt**} (adj) - Something very small : "After I clean my room, my dad looks over every minute detail."
2. {**min•ut**} (n) - A period of time lasting 60 seconds : "Recess is going to last ten minutes this morning."

MOPED

1. {**mo•ped**} (n) - A motorized bicycle : "I'm not old enough to drive, but I am allowed to ride a moped."
2. {**mopd**} (v) - Acted in sad way : "After his team lost, Uncle Ed moped around the house for a week."

NAILS

1. (n) - Objects used with a hammer : "We bought a box of nails to assemble the new desk."
2. (n) - Hard objects found on the tip of fingers : "My aunt paints nails for a living. She has a very successful business!"

NUMBER

1. (n) - An amount expressed as a character : "My favorite number is 27."
2. (v) - To total : "The group numbered in the thousands"

OBJECT

1. **ob•ject** (n) - A generic name for any item : "Pick any object in the store for your gift."
2. **ob•ject** (v) - To announce one's disapproval : "I object to this assignment. It's too much work!"

OCCUPATION

1. (n) - a job : "My dad's new occupation is vice president of the paper company."
2. (n) - control by another force : "The army began their occupation of the fort last week."

OFFENSE

1. **of•fense** (n) - In sports, the team that is trying to score : "When our basketball team's on offense, we score almost every time."
2. **of•fense** (n) - An illegal or disliked action : "I broke the playground rule, but it was my first offense so the teacher didn't tell my parents."

OVERLOOK

1. (v) - To miss a detail : "Somehow I overlooked all of these spelling errors in my essay!"
2. (n) - A place with a good view : "We stopped the car at the overlook and took pictures of the ocean."

PARK

1. (n) - A green area within a city : "We took my nephews to the park to play tag."
2. (v) - To stop and leave a car : "I parked the car and walked to the store."

PEER

1. (n) - Someone who is at the same age or place in life : "The students in my class are my peers."
2. (v) - To look closely at something : "I peered through the window at the strange bird."

PERFECT

1. **per•fect** (adj) - Without mistakes : "That painting is perfect! Don't add anything else."
2. **per•fect** (v) - To finish something by removing all mistakes : "I get most of my essay done quickly, but then take a long time to perfect it."

PERMIT

1. **per•mit** (v) - To allow someone to do something : "I'll permit you to stay in the computer lab during lunch as long as you're quiet."
2. **per•mit** (n) - A document showing that one is allowed : "My parents needed a permit in order to open their business."

PLAIN

1. (adj) - Simple : "I'll just wear a plain white t-shirt."
2. (n) - A flat piece of land : "My ancestors settled on the plains of Kansas."

POLISH

1. {**paal•ish**} (v) - To wipe something until it shines : "I like to polish my trophies every week."
2. {**pole•ish**} (adj) - Describes someone from Poland : "My grandmother is Polish. She moved here from Poland twenty years ago."

PROCEEDS

1. **pro•ceeds** (v) - Moves forward : "This movie proceeds very quickly into the action."
2. **pro•ceeds** (n) - Money gained from an event : "The proceeds from this event are going to a children's hospital."

PRODUCE

1. **pro•duce** (v) - To make : "My aunt's company produces wool sweaters."
2. **pro•duce** (n) - Fruits or vegetables : "We go to the farmer's market every weekend to pick up fresh produce."

PROJECT

1. **pro•ject** (n) - An ongoing amount of work : "Painting the house is going to be quite a project."
2. **pro•ject** (v) - To throw forward : "A canon projects a canon ball towards its target."
3. **pro•ject** (v) - To shine light onto a screen : "At an IMAX theater, they project the movie onto an extra large screen."

PURPOSE

1. (n) - A reason for doing something : "The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming carnival."
2. (n) - Determination : "My sister has great purpose. She never stops working towards her goals."

QUAIL

1. (n) - A type of bird : "On my grandparents' farm, they sometimes go quail hunting."
2. (v) - To show great fear : "The students quailed in fear as the mean Mr. Jones walked through the playground."

REBEL

1. **re•bel** (n) - One who opposes a government : "The rebels came into the capitol city and challenged the king."
2. **re•bel** (v) - To go against a ruler : "When the king became cruel, the citizens began to rebel."

RECALL

1. **re•call** (v) - To remember : "I couldn't recall the last time our cousins had spent the night."
2. **re•call** (v) - To bring back : "The car company had to recall their latest model because of a problem with the seat belts."

RECESS

1. **re•cess** (n) - A part of a wall that is set back : "We have a small recess near our front door where we put our keys."
2. **re•cess** (n) - A break : "Let's take a brief recess and then come back to the meeting."
3. **re•cess** (v) - To take a break : "'We are going to recess for the day,' explained the judge."

REFUSE

1. {**re fuse**} (v) - To deny permission : "My parents refused to let me stay up until midnight."
2. {**reh fuse**} (n) - Garbage : "We take all of the refuse out to the trash cans by the street."

RIGHT

1. (adj) - Correct : "We had a big argument, but my friend was right."
2. (adj) - Not left : "I always use my right hand to throw."
3. (n) - Something that is given to people by the law : "In some countries, you don't have the right to speak against the government."
4. (v) - To set something back up after it has fallen : "I noticed the chair had tipped over, so I righted it."

ROCK

1. (n) - A hard mineral : "Wear shoes so you don't hurt your feet on a rock."
2. (v) - To move gently back and forth : "I watched the mother rock her baby to sleep."
3. (v) - To stun or shock : "When I heard they were making a sequel to my favorite movie, it rocked my world!"

ROSE

1. (n) - A flower : "A red rose is often given as a Valentine's Day gift."
2. (v) - The past tense of rise : "This morning, I rose at 10:30."

ROUTED

1. {**root•ed** or **rowt•ed**} (v) - To have planned a path : "My GPS routed us through the city."
2. {**rowt•ed**} (v) - To cause an army to retreat in an unorganized way : "When we brought out the cannon, we routed our enemies."

ROW

1. (v) - To move a boat forward with oars : "Rowing a boat is much harder than it looks!"
2. (n) - A series of objects arranged in a line : "My teacher had the desks set up in three rows."
3. (n) - A fight (British) : "My mum and sister had quite a row last night."

SEAL

1. (n) - A darkly colored marine mammal : "We watched seals perform in a show on our vacation"
2. (v) - To close something permanently : "They sealed the door so it couldn't be opened again."
3. (n) - A decorative object often connected to a government or group : "I learned all about our state seal."

SECOND

1. (n) - 1/60th of a minute : "It takes me only thirty seconds to get to school in the morning."
2. (adj) - Coming after first : "The second person into the class this morning was Jennifer."
3. (v) - To support a proposed idea : "I second the motion to make Jane our president."

SEWER

1. {so•er} (n) - One who sews : "A skilled sewer can finish a dress in a couple days."
2. {soo•er} (n) - A series of tunnels that carries away waste : "When the sewer gets backed up, the whole city starts to smell bad!"

SINK

1. (n) - A container that holds water and is used to wash : "Make sure the dishes are all out of the sink!"
2. (v) - To go under water : "The boat took on water and began to sink."

SOW

1. {so} (v) - To plant seeds : "We sow our seeds by scattering them on the field."
2. {sao} (n) - A female pig : "This sow just gave birth to five piglets."

STAKES

1. (n) - Long, sharp objects that are hammered into something else : "The tent might blow away, so we're going to hammer these stakes in to hold it down."
2. (n) - Money or other objects that are being gambled : "Johnny didn't want to lose too much money, so he went to the low-stakes table in the casino."

SUBJECT

1. **sub•ject** (v) - To make someone go through something : "Our teacher subjects us to a 100 word spelling test every week!"
2. **sub•ject** (n) - The topic of conversation : "Can we change the subject? I'm tired of hearing about the history of celery."
3. **sub•ject** (n) - Someone who lives under a ruler : "The mighty king of Fringland is gentle to all of his subjects."

SURVEY

1. (v) - To ask people their opinions : "We're going to survey the third graders and ask what playground equipment they like the most."
2. (n) - The test used to ask people their opinions : "The survey was too confusing, people kept erasing their answers and changing them."
3. (v) - To measure the features of land : "Before construction began, people came to survey the property to make sure it was level."

SUSPECT

1. **sus•pect** (v) - To have an idea, but be unsure : "I suspect that Julie will be the best choice, but still want to think about it."
2. **sus•pect** (n) - One who is believed to have committed a crime : "The police have arrested a suspect in the candy bar theft."

SIGN

1. (v) - To officially write one's name : "Please sign these documents and then we can open your bank account."
2. (n) - A display with writing on it : "My dad's been painting signs since he was a little kid."

TEAR

1. {teer} (n) - A drop of water from one's eye : "I realized I had been too harsh when I saw the tears forming in his eyes."
2. {tare} (v) - To rip something : "Be careful when you take that jacket off, you don't want to rip it."
3. {tare} (n) - A rip : "I didn't notice this tear in my jeans before. I wonder how long it's been there?"

TENDER

1. (adj) - Easily hurt : "My knee is still tender from tripping last week."
2. (adj) - Easy to chew or cut : "This steak is so tender, I barely have to use my knife!"

TIE

1. (v) - To connect two pieces of string : "Let's tie these jump ropes together to make a really long one!"
2. (n) - An item worn around the neck on formal occasions. : "My older brother had to help me get my tie on."

TRANSFER

1. (v) - To move from one place to another : "We're going to transfer the books to the new school."
2. (n) - One who has been moved to a new job : "Jim's a transfer from the San Francisco office."
3. (n) - A picture that can be ironed onto a shirt : "I printed out transfer and then ironed it onto a plain white shirt. Now I have my own clothing brand!"

TRANSPLANT

1. (v) - To move something to another place : "Since the soil was so dry, we had to transplant the tree into a different area."
2. (n) - Something that has been moved to another place : "My parents are transplants! They grew up in China and moved here just before I was born."

TRANSPORT

1. (v) - To move something : "The new store had to transport huge crates of toys through the town."
2. (n) - A vehicle that moves people: "The troops rode in a large transport across the country."

TRIP

1. (n) - A vacation : "This summer, my family is taking a trip to Tokyo!"
2. (v) - To fall : "My loose shoelace made me trip as I left the classroom."

UPSET

1. **up•set** (n) - A game in which the favored team lost : "It was quite an upset when the first graders beat the fifth graders."
2. **up•set** (v) - To beat a favored team : "The first graders upset the fifth graders in handball."
3. **up•set** (adj) - Unhappy : "Mom is really upset that her basketball team lost."
4. **up•set** (v) - To make unhappy : "I didn't mean to upset you, but I had to be honest."

WATCH

1. (v) - To look at : "We're going to watch my brother's play tonight."
2. (n) - a time-telling device : "My new watch is digital and can go under water."

WAVE

1. (n) - Water which rises up and crashes : "I rode a wave for the first time last summer."
2. (v) - To move one's hand in a greeting : "I saw my brother wave to me across the store."

WOUND

1. {wound} (v) - Twisted; the past tense of wind : "I wound up the toy car by twisting the knob."
2. {wound} (n) - An injury : "After I fell off the ladder, I had a small wound on my leg."

YARD

1. (n) - A unit of measurement : "My grandpa is just over two yards tall."
2. (n) - A lawn or grassy area : "My dad wants my sister and I to clean up the yard before our guests arrive."