

(*****BoL***) Words with Multiple Meanings

arms	He placed the child in her mother's arms. The rebels needed to buy arms to fight the war.
bail	We had to bail to keep the boat from sinking. She was released from jail when she paid \$500 bail.
ball	The ball rolled under the table. The women wore their prettiest dresses to the ball.
bank	You can cash your check at the bank. We had a picnic on the bank of the river.
bark	Did you hear the dog bark? The bark on the old tree is dry and brittle.
bat	A bat flew from the barn and frightened me. The children played with the bat and ball.
bit	Jenn checked the bit in the horse's mouth. I bit into the apple. It will take just a bit longer.
blow	The wind began to blow, and the leaves fell. The blow to his head knocked the fighter out.
boil	Alice showed the doctor the boil on her finger. Boil some water for tea, please.
bridge	We crossed the bridge over the Raritan River. Bridge is a card game for four people,
case	She put her eyeglasses in their case. The lawyer won her first case.
cleave	We used the ax to cleave the wood. The frightened children cleaved to the old woman.
compound	The soldiers surrounded the enemy compound. A compound sentence is made of two clauses.
count	The duke, count, and earl received awards. The child is learning to count from one to ten.
cue	The actor missed his cue and did not say his line. He held the cue steady and aimed at the eight-ball.
date	Bill asked Sally for a date. Today's date is March 28th.
fair	The weather was fair on the day of the race. The judges' decision was fair. We went on the rides at the fair.
fan	David is a baseball fan; he never misses a game.

It's very warm; please, turn on the fan.

file Put your papers in the file.
The children marched in single file.
The prisoner used a file to cut the metal bar.

firm When he finished college, he joined a law firm.
Apples should be firm, not soft.

fold Fold your paper in half.
The girl took care of the sheep in the fold.

game It sounded exciting, so I was game to try it.
Poker is his favorite card game.

hide The belts were made from the hide of a cow.
I usually hide the gifts for the children's birthdays.

grave There was no laughter on the grave occasion.
The coffin was lowered into the grave.

hold The sailors put their supplies into the ship's hold.
Hold the string or the balloon will drift away.

jam I tried to jam one more coat into the full closet.
We put strawberry jam on our toast.
We were stuck in a traffic jam for an hour.

jar The loud noise jarred the old man.
Put the jar of mustard on the table.

kind What kind of ice cream do you like?
She was always kind and gentle.

last I hope this will last until Tuesday.
The last time I saw her she was very thin.

lean He leaned against the building while he waited.
The runner was tan and lean after the summer's races.

like A briefcase is like a bookbag.
I like fudge cookies.

line We stood in line to get tickets.
Write your name on the line.

long I long to go to a quiet beach.
How long is the story?

mean What did you mean when you said that?
He was mean and unkind.
We calculated the mean score for the two teams.

mine The silver ore is brought out of the mine in carts.
Put your chair next to mine.

miss Miss Sims is the new biology teacher.

I will miss you when you move to the city.

net The fish were caught in the net, not on hooks.
 After we paid the taxes, our net pay was \$300.

palm The gypsy looked at the lines on my palm.
 We took many pictures of the palm trees in Florida.

pen The pigs live in a pen.
 Sign your name with this pen.

present John was absent on Friday, not present.
 For her birthday Jill received five presents.

press The editor and other members of the press took notes.
 Ask the tailor to press this skirt.
 Press the button to start the machine.

punch The punch was made from fruit juice and soda.
 Josh punched the bag as hard as he could.

rare I like my steak rare, not well done.
 Only three people have ever owned this rare coin.

rest Anna will do the rest of the shopping.
 After the long walk up the hill, I wanted to rest

seal Don't use the medicine if the safety seal is broken.
 We saw the seals at the zoo.

second There are sixty seconds in a minute.
 I was second today, but tomorrow I might be first.

sole I ordered the sole for lunch because I like fish.
 He was the sole survivor of the crash.
 There was a hole in the sole of his shoe.

spell The child learned to spell his name.
 The witch put a magic spell on the tree.

stable Put the horses in the stable.
 He may leave the hospital if his breathing is stable.

steep The mountain was steep, and the climb difficult.
 We steeped the tea bag for three minutes.

stick The glue was dried, and the stamp would not stick.
 We collected sticks and leaves for the fire.

story This is a five-story building.
 Tell the children a bedtime story.

temple He took two aspirin for the pain in his temple.
 The men walked to the temple to pray.

tick Ticks are insects that spread Lyme's Disease.
 Can you hear the clock tick?

tire I never tire of hearing my favorite music.
I had a flat tire on my new car.

vault The athlete vaulted the six-foot barrier with ease.
The actress put her diamond jewelry in the vault.

wake Be quiet or you will wake the baby.
The waves in the wake of the speedboat were very high.

well I feel very well today.
The boy put the bucket into the well to get water.

will The lawyer wrote a will for the old man before he died.
I will see the man tomorrow, not today.

yard A yard is equal to thirty-six inches.
We had a picnic in the yard.