One word, many meanings

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each meaning of 'match' with its type.

1 a sports game ____	**a** These shoes match your bag.
2 a small stick for lighting fire ____	**b** We watched the football match.
3 to be the same as something ____	**c** He lit a match.
4 to go well together ____	**d** Her answer didn't match the question.

2 Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word.

1 She booked a flight to Rome. (flight = a journey by plane / a set of stairs)

2 He ran up the flight of stairs. (flight = a journey by plane / a set of stairs)

3 I need to charge my phone. (charge = add electricity / an amount of money)

4 The shop charges a high price. (charge = add electricity / an amount of money)

5 She wore a ring on her finger. (ring = jewellery / to telephone)

6 Please ring me later. (ring = jewellery / to telephone)

7 He caught a big fish. (fish = an animal that swims / to catch fish)

8 They went fishing at the lake. (fishing = an animal / the activity of catching fish)

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box. Each word is used twice with a different meaning.

bank | book | light | watch

1 She sat by the river 1 _____ and read a 2 _____.
3 He went to the 3 _____ to withdraw money, then decided to
4 _____ a hotel room.
5 The room was full of 5 _____, so she didn't need to turn on a lamp.
6 He checked the time on his 6 _____ before turning off the
7 _____.
8 They stopped to 8 _____ the sunset together.

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4 Match each word with the two different meanings it can have.

1 spring ____	**a** a season of the year / to jump suddenly
2 fair ____	**b** right and reasonable / a type of event with rides and games
3 present ____	**c** a gift / to be in a particular place
4 fine ____	**d** in good health / a payment for breaking a rule

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A day with double meanings

Leo woke up feeling fine and decided to visit the fair in the park. On the way, he stopped by the bank to get some cash. He bought his sister a present for her birthday, and later that evening they sat together and watched the fireworks light up the sky. It was a fine day all round.

1 Leo felt unwell in the morning. T / F

2 He visited a fair in the park. T / F

3 He went to a bank to withdraw cash. T / F

4 He bought a gift for his sister. T / F

5 They watched fireworks in the evening. T / F

6 The text describes a bad day. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (by, at, on, for).

1 She sat _____ the river bank.

2 He looked _____ his watch.

3 They arrived _____ the fair.

4 She bought a present _____ him.

OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word short story using at least four words with double meanings (e.g. bank, light, match, spring).

[ ] Use at least four target words with double meanings. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the story clear and fun.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Match meanings

1 b 2 c 3 d 4 a

2 Choose the correct meaning

1 a journey by plane 2 a set of stairs 3 add electricity 4 an amount of money
5 jewellery 6 to telephone 7 an animal that swims 8 the activity of catching fish

3 Complete the sentences

1 bank 2 book 3 bank 4 book 5 light 6 watch 7 light 8 watch

4 Two meanings

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d

5 Reading

1 F - he felt fine.
2 T
3 T
4 T
5 T
6 F - it describes a good day.

6 Prepositions

1 by 2 at 3 at 4 for

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and creative use of double meanings.