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COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Strategy

MULTIPLE-MEANING WORDS

Many English words have more than one meaning. To determine which meaning is intended, look at the word's context, or surroundings.

A. Directions: Use the context to determine the likely meaning of each boldfaced word. Circle the word that is closest in meaning to the boldfaced word.

1. Gawain was concerned that he might not **recover** from his wound.
a. recuperate b. recapture c. recoup
2. Was there any **issue** from Arthur's marriage to Guinevere?
a. topic b. deliver c. offspring
3. The **advance** guard was sent to look for the enemy.
a. forward b. improve c. early payment
4. The army laid **waste** to the crops in the field.
a. leftover b. devastation c. rubbish
5. Sir Gawain had been in Arthur's **service** for years.
a. repair b. ritual c. group of loyal followers

B. Directions: Write sentences that show three different meanings for the word **strike**. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if necessary.

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