

Look at the following dictionary entries.

<b>bill</b>	1 a paper that tells how much a person must pay for something 2 the mouth of a bird
<b>bark</b>	1 the outer covering of a tree 2 the short, sharp sound a dog makes
<b>box</b>	1 something that things can be put inside 2 to strike or slap with the hands
<b>fair</b>	1 just; honest 2 a gathering of people for the buying and selling of goods
<b>fly</b>	1 to move through the air on wings 2 an insect
<b>live</b>	1 to exist 2 alive
<b>tear</b>	1 a drop of water in or pouring from the eye 2 to pull apart

Some words are spelled alike and sometimes sound alike, but they may have different meanings. Each meaning is listed in the dictionary. This card will give you practice choosing the correct meaning of a word.

Look at the following story. Some of the words in the story are in **bold type**. Number your paper from 1 to 6. Look at the dictionary entries in the box. Decide which of the two meanings tells what the word in **bold type** means in the sentence. Write the word and the number of the meaning (1 or 2) next to the correct number on your paper.

Yesterday our class had a **1 fair** in the park near our school. I **2 live** next to the park. I brought apples in a **3 box**. I put it down near a tree. Then I saw a bug digging into the **4 bark**. A bird was perched nearby and grabbed the bug with its **5 bill**. I watched the bird **6 fly** away with its catch.

Now look at the following sentences. In each sentence, there is a word in **bold type**. Number your paper from 7 to 12. Look at the dictionary entries in the box. Choose the meaning that best fits each sentence. Write the word and the number of the meaning (1 or 2) next to the correct number on your paper.

- 7** The baby's face was wet with **tears**.
- 8** We could hear Cloud's **bark** plainly.
- 9** "Mother, there is a **fly** in my soup," said Bibi.
- 10** Long ago, people made boats from **bark**.
- 11** "I didn't mean to **tear** your picture," said Kito.
- 12** The nature exhibit contained **live** animals.

**Skill Builder Key Card****L E S S O N 142**

- 1 fair, 2
- 2 live, 1
- 3 box, 1
- 4 bark, 1
- 5 bill, 2
- 6 fly, 1
- 7 tears, 1
- 8 bark, 2
- 9 fly, 2
- 10 bark, 1
- 11 tear, 2
- 12 live, 2