

## Words with many meanings

### ▶ Activity 1

Find the word *extend* in your dictionary. Notice the red box at the beginning of the entry.

**extend** /ɪk'stend/ verb ★★★

1 increase size/length	4 stretch arm/leg out
2 of distance/time	5 offer greeting
3 include sb/sth	

**1** [T] to increase the size, time, or range of something: *The ground floor could be extended to allow for an extra bedroom.* ♦

This 'menu' box tells you that the dictionary gives five meanings for *extend*. It also gives you a short definition of each meaning. If you want more information, you can look at the numbered meanings below the menu.

### ▶ Activity 2

Look up these words in the dictionary. How many meanings are given for each one?

	number of meanings
<b>a</b> element	5
<b>b</b> end (noun)	_____
<b>c</b> enter	_____
<b>d</b> exercise (noun)	_____
<b>e</b> exposure	_____
<b>f</b> fall (verb)	_____
<b>g</b> fall (noun)	_____
<b>h</b> feel (verb)	_____
<b>i</b> flat (adjective)	_____

### ▶ Activity 3

Look up the word *follow* in the dictionary. Notice that there are ten different meanings listed. Match the examples below with the meaning number.

	meaning
<b>a</b> Follow the instructions carefully.	4
<b>b</b> Follow the road down the hill into the village.	_____
<b>c</b> I couldn't follow what Professor Hope was saying.	_____
<b>d</b> He followed every word of the trial.	_____
<b>e</b> The weather report follows shortly.	_____
<b>f</b> I was convinced there was someone following me.	_____

### ▶ Activity 4

Look up the word *fresh* in the dictionary and answer these questions.

<b>a</b> How many meanings are given?	_____
<b>b</b> Which meaning number refers to:	
<b>1</b> water which is not salty	_____
<b>2</b> food prepared recently	_____
<b>3</b> flowers recently picked	_____
<b>4</b> doing something differently	_____
<b>5</b> feeling refreshed	_____

#### Remember!

The box called *menu* at the top of an entry summarizes the definitions for the different meanings of the word. It helps you to find the meaning you are looking for quickly in a long entry. You can look at the numbered meanings below the menu if you want more information.