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9. **repertoire** (REP-ur-twar) **n.** a list or supply of items or skills used for a specific purpose. A singer has a *repertoire* of songs; a comedian has a repertoire of jokes; a magician has a *repertoire* of tricks. **SYNONYMS:** stock, stockpile, store
10. **spectrum** (SPEK-truhm) **n.** a set of related wave types arranged in a given order, such as by wavelength. The *spectrum* of visible light consists of the seven colors of the rainbow. **SYNONYM:** array; **n.** a range of ideas, qualities, or activities. There is a *spectrum* of approaches to teaching reading. **SYNONYM:** scope
11. **thesis** (THEE-siss) **n.** a unifying idea. A *thesis* is the central or controlling idea of a persuasive argument or an expository text. **SYNONYMS:** proposition, claim; **n.** a long paper written in order to gain an academic degree or honor. A *thesis* is usually required in order to get a degree in graduate school. **SYNONYM:** dissertation
12. **vocation** (voh-KAY-shuhn) **n.** a line of work. A person's *vocation* is a job. **SYNONYMS:** occupation, profession; **n.** an inner motivation to perform a special role. The woman's desire to become a social worker is her *vocation*. **SYNONYM:** calling

## More on Meanings: Multiple-Meaning Words

Many words can mean more than one thing.  
Their meanings may or may not be related.  
Their parts of speech may be different too.

Compare these sentences:

The assignment is to read the first **chapter** of John Steinbeck's novel *Of Mice and Men*.

Tonight, Dad went to a meeting of the local **chapter** of his old college fraternity.

In the first sentence, the noun *chapter* refers to part of a book. In the second, it refers to a local unit of an organization.

Now read these examples of a multiple-meaning word that has different parts of speech:

My friend and I invented a secret **code**.

Gen had to **code** the results for a database.

In the first sentence, *code* is a noun. In the second sentence, *code* is a verb.

### Challenge

1. Choose two of the multiple-meaning words below. For each word, write two sentences, each for a different meaning of the word.

*pilot suite carriage furnish*

2. Write a sentence using any two of the following multiple-meaning words:

*hamper grate might jar*

Trade sentences with a partner. Then identify the meanings that your partner has used.