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## Activity

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# Why Are Fish Smart?

...because they live in schools. Check out multi-meaning words and homonyms below.

## Multi-Meaning Words

Some words share the **same spelling but have different meanings**. Read the whole sentence to figure out the correct meaning of each underlined word below. Fill in the circle with the meaning that makes sense.

### Example

An anchor will sink when it is thrown into the ocean.

- to move downward
- a large basin or bowl for washing
- to become heavy

1. Most fish don't like the company of sharks.

- companionship
- business
- guests

2. Is that a cut on your fin? Here, let me treat that.

- gift
- care for
- pay for

3. The fish made a quick check to see if a shark was around the corner.

- mark
- inspection
- bill of sale

4. She can leave her job in the aquarium to work at the fish market.

- metal container
- puts a stop to
- is able to

## Homonyms

**Homonyms** are words that **sound exactly the same, but have different meanings**. Read each sentence and fill in the circle with the word that correctly completes the sentence.

### Example

The \_\_\_\_\_ is very rough today.  
I hope we can go sailing.

- see
- OR
- sea

1. A lot of turtles live in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- creak
- OR
- creek

2. There's a \_\_\_\_\_ in the bottom of the boat.

- whole
- OR
- hole

3. Many wading birds like to hunt in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- reeds
- OR
- reads

4. The boat raised its \_\_\_\_\_ so it could go faster.

- sale
- OR
- sail

**Bonus:** What other multi-meaning words and homonyms can you think of? Make a list of each on the back of this page.

