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Literal vs. Hidden Meaning

Understanding Literal and Hidden Meanings

A double entendre has two meanings:

Literal Meaning: The direct meaning of the words.

Hidden Meaning: A second meaning that depends on the context.

Example:

Sentence: *The baker is on a roll.*

Literal Meaning: The baker is making bread rolls.

Hidden Meaning: The baker is doing very well.

Part A – Identify the Meanings

Read each sentence. Then write the **literal meaning** and the **hidden meaning**.

1. The artist drew a crowd.

Literal Meaning:

Hidden Meaning:

2. The gardener has a growing business.

Literal Meaning:

Hidden Meaning:

3. The baseball player hit it out of the park.

Literal Meaning:

Hidden Meaning:

4. The music teacher struck the right note.

Literal Meaning:

Hidden Meaning:

5. The coach said our team is on the right track.

Literal Meaning:

Hidden Meaning:

Part B – Match the Meanings

Write the correct letter for each sentence.

Sentences

1. _____ The baker is on a roll.
2. _____ The artist drew a crowd.
3. _____ The gardener has a growing business.
4. _____ The music teacher struck the right note.
5. _____ The baseball player hit it out of the park.

Hidden Meanings

- A. The business is becoming more successful.
- B. The person is doing very well.
- C. The artist attracted many people.
- D. Someone did an excellent job.
- E. Said or did exactly the right thing.

Part C – Choose the Correct Answer

6. Which meaning is the **literal meaning**?

- A. The hidden idea
- B. The direct meaning of the words
- C. A funny joke
- D. A personal opinion

7. Which meaning depends on **context**?

- A. Literal meaning
- B. Hidden meaning
- C. Dictionary meaning only
- D. None of the above

8. Why should readers look for hidden meanings?

- A. To understand the writer's message better
- B. To count the number of words
- C. To memorize spelling
- D. To find punctuation mistakes

Part D – Your Turn

Write one sentence that could have a **literal meaning** and a **hidden meaning**.

Literal Meaning:

Hidden Meaning:
