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A **double entendre** is a word, phrase, or sentence that has **two possible meanings**. One meaning is the obvious (literal) meaning, while the other is a hidden or clever meaning that depends on the context. Writers use double entendres to make language more interesting, humorous, and memorable.

Example

Sentence: *The baker is on a roll.*

- **Meaning 1:** The baker is making bread rolls.
- **Meaning 2:** The baker is doing very well.

Part A – Choose the Best Answer

Circle the correct answer.

1. What is a double entendre?

- A. A sentence with only one meaning
- B. A phrase with two possible meanings
- C. A list of rhyming words
- D. A question without an answer

2. Which meaning is usually easy to understand first?

- A. Hidden meaning
- B. Literal meaning
- C. Imaginary meaning
- D. Secret meaning

3. Writers often use double entendres to make writing...

- A. More confusing
- B. Longer
- C. More interesting and creative
- D. More serious

4. Which sentence is a double entendre?

- A. The sun is shining today.
- B. The baker is on a roll.
- C. I have a blue backpack.
- D. We walked to school.

5. To understand a double entendre, readers should pay attention to...

- A. Context
- B. The page number
- C. Font size
- D. Punctuation only

Part B – Think About It

Read the sentence.

The artist drew a crowd.

6. What is the literal meaning?

7. What is the hidden meaning?

Part C - True or False

Write **True** or **False**.

8. A double entendre always has only one meaning.

9. Context helps readers understand a double entendre.

10. Writers use double entendres to make language more creative. _____

Challenge Question

Write **one sentence** that could have **two meanings**.
