



Homographs: Same Sound, Different Meanings

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions.

John and his father were driving into town. They were going to the fair. "Look at that," John said, pointing to a bank of clouds. "That looks like a dragon!" "Look at that one," his father replied. "It looks like a piggy bank!" Just as they entered town, the car's wheels slid and the skidded into a muddy bank on the side of the road. "Are you okay?" John's father asked when the car stopped. "I'm fine," John said. "But I'm not sure about the car!" They had to get out and walk about half a mile before they could get any cell service to call John's mother. "I will arrange for a tow truck," John's father said. "But they only accept cash, so I will have to go by the bank." John's mother said she would be there to get them in ten minutes. John and his father walked into the lobby of a big building. They passed a bank of elevators as they walked straight back towards the entrance to the bank. "Will we still be able to go to the fair?" John asked anxiously. "Haven't you had enough excitement for one day?" John's father teased. "Don't bank on it!" John said.

There are six different definitions for the word "bank" below. Match each definition to the place where the word is used in the story. Write the letter of the matching instance on the line.

- _____ 1. A steep slope
- _____ 2. An establishment for the custody, loan, exchange, or issue of money.
- _____ 3. A group or series of objects arranged together in a row.
- _____ 4. A mound, pile, or ridge raised above the surrounding level.
- _____ 5. To depend or rely on.
- _____ 6. A place where something is held available