MULTIPLE-MEANING WORDS

- Has more than 1 meaning
- You must decide WHICH meaning best fits the context of the sentence.
In the afternoon, I like to drink a cup of green tea flavored with mint.
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A. A plant with a very strong flavor
B. A place where coins are manufactured
Rafael and Elsa were at the museum of natural history with their science class. Science was Rafael’s favorite subject, and he knew the museum well. When the students were on their lunch break, Rafael decided to conduct his own tour of the museum for his friends.
“Science was Rafael’s favorite **subject**, and he knew the museum well.”

What does the word **subject** mean as used in the sentence from the passage?

A. topic of study  
B. endure  
C. museum  
D. book
“When the students were on their lunch break, Rafael decided to conduct his own tour of the museum for his friends.”

What does the word conduct mean as used in the sentence from the passage?

A. behavior  
B. manage  
C. follow  
D. lead
Rafael decided to lead his friends through the dinosaur bone maze in the prehistoric section of the museum. Elsa and a few other students followed Rafael into the maze, which soon began to wind this way and that. Rafael came out the other end and waited for his friends.
“Rafael decided to lead his friends through the dinosaur bone maze in the prehistoric section of the museum.”

What does the word lead mean as used in the sentence from the passage?

A. a heavy metal  
B. weight  
C. show the way  
D. allow
Dee always liked the first day of fall. There was something about the smell in the air that made her feel happy. Also, all the trees on her block started to blaze with color at this time of year. It didn’t happen all at once. One spot would turn gold, and then another would turn red. After a month or so, the street would be gorgeous. She often thought she wouldn’t mind if fall lasted all year.
“Also, all the trees on her block started to blaze with color at this time of year.”

Which meaning of block is used in the story?

A. to get in someone’s way  
B. wooden cubes used as toys  
C. a square area of housing  
D. heavy piece of wood used to cut food on
“One *spot* would turn gold, and then another would turn red.”

Which meaning of *spot* is used in the story?

A. small stain  
B. see  
C. place  
D. add dots
“She often thought she wouldn’t mind if fall lasted all year.”

Which meaning of mind is used in the story?

A. to pay attention
B. to be bothered
C. to watch over
D. brain
HELPFUL TIPS

- Read the passage!
- Try to define the underlined or bold print word, as you read the passage.
- Go BACK in the passage and reread that paragraph!
- Use process of elimination!