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Words with Multiple Meanings

Definition

Words with multiple meanings have two or more definitions depending on context. These words look and sound identical but express different ideas in different situations.

Example

Word	Meaning 1	Meaning 2	Meaning 3
bat	flying mammal	wooden stick for baseball	-
light	not heavy	illumination	to ignite
run	to move quickly	to manage	score in baseball
bank	financial institution	side of a river	-
fair	just or reasonable	exhibition	clear weather

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the correct meaning of the underlined word in each sentence about Chinese karst formations.

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1. The solution of limestone by acidic water creates the dramatic karst landscapes in Guilin, China.

- a) answer to a problem
- b) chemical mixture of a solid dissolved in liquid
- c) resolution to a conflict
- d) mathematical explanation

2. Rainwater can discharge large amounts of dissolved limestone into underground rivers.

- a) dismiss from employment
- b) release fluid
- c) fulfill an obligation
- d) unload cargo

3. The table of geological data documents the rate at which karst topography forms in southern China.

- a) piece of furniture with flat top and legs
- b) organized arrangement of data
- c) flat landform
- d) postpone consideration

4. The unique limestone beds in Yunnan Province date back to the Permian period.

- a) places to sleep
- b) garden plots for plants
- c) layers of sedimentary rock
- d) river bottoms

5. Scientists monitor changes in the karst environment to understand how these fragile ecosystems evolve.

- a) computer display screen
- b) observe systematically
- c) senior student helper
- d) warning device

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Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct meaning of each underlined word with multiple meanings as used in the context of Chinese karst formation.

1. The stone column rising from the valley floor is a famous karst feature in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park.

Meaning in this context: _____

2. Water flows through underground channels in the karst system, transporting dissolved minerals.

Meaning in this context: _____

3. Scientists record detailed measurements of stalactite growth in the caves of Guangxi province.

Meaning in this context: _____

4. Over millions of years, underground caverns may fall, creating sinkholes at the surface.

Meaning in this context: _____

5. The grade of limestone purity affects how karst features develop in different regions.

Meaning in this context: _____

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) chemical mixture of a solid dissolved in liquid
2. b) release fluid
3. b) organized arrangement of data
4. c) layers of sedimentary rock
5. b) observe systematically

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. Meaning in this context: a tall, vertical pillar or formation of rock
2. Meaning in this context: pathways or passages through which water flows
3. Meaning in this context: to document or write down information (verb)
4. Meaning in this context: to collapse or cave in
5. Meaning in this context: quality level or degree of purity