



WORDS THAT CHANGE MEANING BY SUBJECT

The same word can mean different things in different subjects.



THE IDEA

Many words are used in several subjects, but their meaning changes.

Students need to learn subject-specific meanings, not just one definition.



IN THE CLASSROOM

Highlight when a word has different meanings in different subjects.

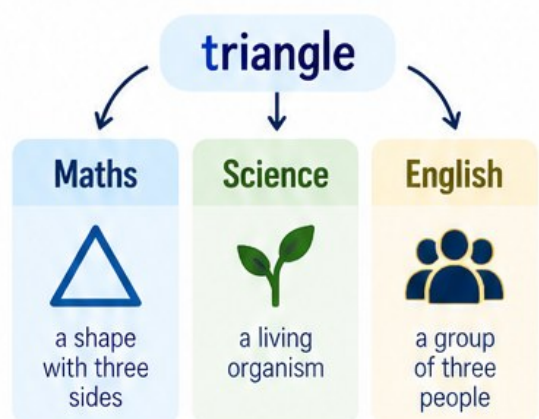
Compare definitions and examples.

Give students practice using the word in subject-specific sentences and tasks.

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NOTICE

Show the word in different subjects and ask students what it might mean in each one.



2

UNDERSTAND

Explore the meaning in context. Look at how the word works in each subject and what clues help identify the meaning.

Maths: The triangle has three equal sides.

Science: Food chains often form a triangle.

English: The story focuses on a love triangle.

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USE

Give students opportunities to use the word accurately in the correct subject, in speaking and writing.

triangle

- Draw a triangle (**Maths**).
- Describe a food triangle (**Science**).
- Write a sentence with triangle in a story (**English**).



EAL UPGRADE

Use translation or first language to explore multiple meanings and compare examples.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Choose a common word from your subject and create a mini 'meanings map' with examples for each subject.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

"How does this word mean something different in this subject?"
"What clue helps us know the meaning here?"