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Fun With Words

Sometimes you know a word has more than one meaning, but you aren't sure which meaning fits the sentence best. Other times, a sentence might include two different words with the same meaning. It can be confusing if you aren't sure what all the words mean. But playing with words' meanings can also be a way to get creative. Below are some examples from this issue of *Current Health*. Answer the questions that follow.

1. In the article "A Curve in the Road" (page 12), "Bracing for Treatment" means these **two** things:
 - A. Scoliosis is often treated by wearing a brace made of hard plastic and metal.
 - B. Before trying something new, people may "brace themselves" to prepare for the uncertain.
 - C. A hospital called the Bracing Institute is famous for treating scoliosis.
2. In "Price Hike" (page 22), what does "Oil Prices and Weather Can Fuel Increases" mean?
 - A. Oil prices and bad weather can lead to fuel increases.
 - B. Higher oil prices and bad weather can lead to food price increases.
 - C. Oil prices go up when the weather is bad.
3. The article "Dinnertime!" (page 18) reads: "making time to eat with your family can produce a smorgasbord of healthy benefits." *Smorgasbord* (SMORE-gihss-bord) is a Swedish word meaning a huge meal of different foods. In the story, the words *a smorgasbord* could be replaced with:
 - A. a meal.
 - B. a few.
 - C. a lot.
4. The article "Talk It Out" (page 26) asks "Whose Ear Do I Want?" That means:
 - A. You would rather have someone else's ears than your own.
 - B. You need to decide who will be best to listen to you.
 - C. You have a friend with a problem whom you need to listen to.
5. Choose one article from this magazine, another magazine, or a newspaper. Write a new headline or sentence for the story you chose, using some wordplay as in the examples above.
