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begin

[(1) to do the first part of an action; (2) to start]

He began to laugh when he saw me. (1)

A long walk begins with one step. (2)

behind

[(1) at the back of; (2) in back of]

Our fastest runner was far behind the leader. (1)

I live behind that hill. (2)

believe

[(1) to think; (2) to feel sure of; (3) to accept as true; (4) to trust]

I believe it may rain tonight. (1)

Jim believes his friend is a good writer. (2)

The lawyer believed the suspect's statement. (3)

We believe in God. (4)

bell

[an instrument that makes a musical sound]

Jim says he likes the sound of a church bell.

belong

[(1) to be owned by; (2) to be a member of]

That book belongs to my sister. (1)

My brother belongs to the Boy Scouts. (2)

below

[lower than]

The temperature outside is below freezing.

best

[the most good]

All of our singers are good but Lisa is best.

betray

[(1) to turn against; (2) to be false to]

The spy betrayed his country. (1)

The boy betrayed his mother's trust in him. (2)

better

[more good than]

Zach is a better baseball player than Al.

between

[(1) in the space or time that separates; (2) from one to the other]

I would like to meet with you between two and three o'clock. (1)

Secret talks between the two nations produced an agreement. (2)

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big

[(1) of great size; (2) not small]

Texas is a big state. (1)

Melissa was a big baby. (2)

bill

[a legislative proposal]

To become law, a bill must be approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the President.

biology

[the scientific study of life or living things in all their forms]

My school requires one year of study each of biology, physics and chemistry.

bird

[a creature that flies]

I watched the bird fly away until I could no longer see it.

bite

[to cut with the teeth]

My dog sounds aggressive but he will not bite you.

black

[(1) dark; (2) having the color like that of the night sky]

I first saw him on a black and stormy night. (1)

The doctor arrived in a big black car. (2)

blame

[(1) to accuse; (2) to hold responsible]

The police blamed him for the crime. (1)

Don't blame me for your bad decision. (2)

blanket

[a cloth cover used to keep warm]

The flood refugees needed food and warm blankets.

bleed

[to lose blood]

Do you know how to stop your nose from bleeding?

blind

[not able to see]

Being blind did not keep him from becoming a famous singer.