

## Word Book M-2

### **matter**

[(1) anything that can be seen or felt; (2) what things are made of]

Scientists are trying to measure all the matter in the universe. (1)

Anything you can see or feel is made of matter. (2)

### **may**

[a word used with an action word to mean permit (1) or possible (2) ]

May I go? (1)

They may leave tomorrow. (2)

### **mayor**

[the chief official of a city or town government]

Her father was elected mayor of Springfield.

### **meal**

[food eaten to satisfy hunger, such as dinner]

Take this medicine after every meal.

### **mean**

[(1) to want to; (2) to give the idea of; (3) to have the idea of]

She meant to call you on the telephone, but she forgot. (1)

Tell me what you mean to do about the damage to my car. (2)

I know what you mean. (3)

### **measure**

[(1) to learn the amount, size or distance of something; (2) an action taken; (3) a legislative proposal]

I will measure the size of the windows. (1)

What measures did you take to prevent more damage? (2)

The Senate approved the measure. (3)

### **meat**

[the part of a dead animal used for food]

She no longer eats meat; only vegetables, grains and fruits.

### **media**

[all public information organizations, including newspapers, television and radio]

The big story in the media is the vote counting problem.

### **medicine**

[(1) a substance or drug used to treat disease or pain; (2) the science or study of treating and curing disease or improving health]

She started feeling better after she began using the medicine. (1)

His wife is studying medicine at the Harvard Medical School. (2)

### **meet**

[to come together with someone or something at the same time and place]

We will meet here tomorrow with other members of the committee.

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### **melt**

[to make a solid into a liquid by heating it]

Ice melts into water at temperatures above zero degrees Celsius.

### **member**

[one of a group]

He is a member of a rock band.

### **memorial**

[something done or made to honor the memory of a person or event]

Have you visited the Lincoln Memorial in Washington?

### **memory**

[(1) a picture in the mind of past events; (2) the ability to remember; (3) a thing remembered]

I can still see in my memory the place we used to swim. (1)

He has a good memory. (2)

Do you have any memory of your father before he went to war? (3)

### **mental**

[about or having to do with the mind]

She had some unusual mental powers.

### **mercy**

[(1) kindness toward those who should be punished; (2) the power to be kind or to pardon]

She showed mercy by forgiving him for leaving her. (1)

He admitted guilt and asked the judge for mercy. (2)

### **message**

[(1) written or spoken news or information; (2) a note from one person to another person or group]

The candidate delivered his message to the crowd. (1)

He sent her an E-mail message with his computer. (2)

### **metal**

[a hard substance such as iron, steel or gold]

Many products formerly made of metal now are made of plastic.

### **method**

[the way something is done]

She developed a new method for losing weight.

### **microscope**

[a device used to make very small things look larger so they can be studied]

Tell me what you see through the microscope.