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Multiple Meaning Words

Read the dictionary entries. Then decide which definition matches the way the word is used in each sentence. Write the number of the definition in the blank space.

Period (noun)

- 1: a section of time with a set beginning and end. *Her mother will be in the hospital for a period of one week.*
- 2: a section of time in history. *We were studying the Reconstruction period in social studies.*
- 3: a section of a school day. *I've got math scheduled for third period next year.*
- 4: a punctuation mark used at the end of a sentence or abbreviation. *You must decide whether to use a period, an exclamation point, or a question mark.*

_____ A declarative sentence should be followed by a period.

_____ They said that there would be a brief period of rain today.

Raise (verb)

- 1: to move to a higher position; lift. *He raised his hand before answering the question.*
- 2: to build. *The group managed to raise the barn in one weekend.*
- 3: to cause to grow. *It would be a lot of work to raise chickens in our yard.*
- 4: to ask or bring up. *Sue raised the idea of having no homework for tomorrow night.*
- 5: to gather; collect. *The club managed to raise over \$200 at the bake sale.*

(noun)

- 6: an increase in rate of pay. *My father received a big raise starting next month.*

_____ We hope to raise money to build a garden behind the school.

_____ My cousin raised that dog from the time it was a puppy.

_____ Peter has a chance to earn a raise after working hard for six months.

_____ If there's a chance the basement will flood, raise those boxes off the floor.

Seal (noun)

1: a design that stands for something. *All of the king's letters would carry his royal seal.*

2: a material or object used to close something tightly. *All medicine bottles have an extra seal put on them.*

3: a mammal that spends most of its time in the water, similar to a sea lion. *That seal can balance a ball on its nose.*

(verb)

4: to close using a seal. *Seal the box with strong tape.*

5: to settle with an action that is a sign of agreement. *Steve and Jose sealed their deal with a handshake.*

_____ I used scissors to cut the seal off the box.

_____ Baby seals look so soft and adorable.

_____ The presidential seal shows an eagle holding arrows and an olive branch.