



### Working with Language

1. The word 'tip' has only three letters but many meanings.

Match the word with its meanings below.

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| (i) finger tips             | - | be about to say something                                |
| (ii) the tip of your nose   | - | make the boat overturn                                   |
| (iii) tip the water out of  | - | the ends of one's fingers the bucket                     |
| (iv) have something on      | - | give a rupee to him, the tip of your tongue to thank him |
| (v) tip the boat over       | - | empty a bucket by tilting it                             |
| (vi) tip him a rupee        | - | the pointed end of your nose                             |
| (vii) the tip of the bat    | - | if you take this advice                                  |
| (viii) the police were      | - | the bat lightly touched tipped off the ball              |
| (ix) if you take my tip     | - | the end of the bat                                       |
| (x) the bat tipped the ball | - | the police were told, or warned                          |

Ans: (i) finger tips - the end of one's fingers  
(ii) the tip of your nose - the pointed end of your nose  
(iii) tip the water out of the bucket - empty a bucket tilting  
(iv) have something on the tip of your tongue - be about to say something  
(v) tip the bot over - make the boat overturn  
(vi) tip him a rupee - give a rupee to him, to thank him  
(vii) the tip of the bat - the end of the bat  
(viii) the police were tipped of - the police were told, or warned  
(ix) if you take my tip - if you take this advice  
(x) the bat tipped the ball - the bat lightly touched the ball

2. The words helper, companion, partner and accomplice have very similar meanings, but each word is typically used in certain phrases. Can you fill in the blanks below with the most commonly used words? A dictionary may help you.

- (i) business .....
- (ii) my ..... on the journey
- (iii) I'm mother's little ..... .
- (iv) a faithful ..... such as a dog
- (v) the thief's .....
- (vi) find a good .....
- (vii) tennis/ golf / bridge .....
- (viii) his ..... in his criminal activities

Ans:

- (i) business partner
- (ii) my companion on the journey
- (iii) I'm mother's little helper
- (iv) a faithful companion such as a dog
- (v) the thief's accomplice
- (vi) find a good helper
- (vii) tennis/golf/bridge partner
- (viii) his accomplice in his criminal activities

3. Now let us look at the uses of the word break. Match the word with its meanings below. Try to find at least three other ways in

which to use the word.

- (i) The storm broke - could not speak; was too sad to speak
- (ii) daybreak - this kind of weather ended
- (iii) His voice is beginning - it began or burst to break into activity
- (iv) Her voice broke and - the beginning of daylight she cried
- (v) The heat wave broke - changing as he grows up
- (vi) broke the bad news - end it by making the workers submit
- (vii) break a strike - gently told someone the bad news

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- (i) The storm broke - it began or burst into activity
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- (iv) Her voice broke and she cried - could not speak; was too sad to speak
- (v) The heat wave broke - this kind of weather ended
- (vi) broke the bad news - gently told someone the bad news
- (vii) break a strike - end it by making the workers submit

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