baker: (BAY-kur) *n.* a person who makes bread, cakes, and other foods.



The **baker** starts making bread early in the morning.



balance: (BAL-uhns) *n*. the ability to stand up and not fall over.

He needed good **balance** to walk across the wall without falling.



ball: (bawl) *n.* a round object used in games.

Anita likes to bounce her red ball.



ballad: (BAL-ud) *n.* a song, especially one that is romantic or tells a story.

We practiced singing the ballad in music class.



balloon: (bu-LOON) *n*. a bag into which air is blown and then used as a toy or decoration.

Don received four balloons for his birthday.



banana: (bu-NAN-uh) *n*. a long fruit, often with yellow skin.

Tim eats a banana for breakfast.

bank teller: (bangk TEL-ur) *n.* a person who works at the counter of a bank.



The **bank teller** gave me money.

Dictionary Detective

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Choose one of these meanings and use it in a sentence.



flood: (fluhd) *n.* an overflowing of water.

The **flood** caused a lot of damage to the homes in the town.



floor: (flohr)

n. the bottom surface of a room.

The tile **floor** is slippery when it is wet.



flower: (FLOW-ur) *n.* the blossom of a plant.

I picked this beautiful, red **flower** from the garden.



fly: (fliy) *n*. a two-winged insect.

The **fly** landed on the table.



fold: (fohld) *v.* to bend over onto itself.

Mike **folds** the clean clothes before putting them away.



folk tale: (fohk tayl) *n*. a story that may or may not be true; folk tales are usually passed down from generation to generation by a specific group of people.

The **folk tale** of Mulan tells how a young woman saved her country.

foolish: (FOOL-ish) *adj.* showing a lack of sense; unwise.



Josh was **foolish** to cut the tree branch while he was sitting on it.

foot: (fut) 1. *n*. a unit of length equaling 12 inches. 2. *n*. the part of the body below the ankle, on which the body stands.



1. Most rulers are a **foot** long.



2. He put one **foot** in the water to see if it was cold.

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