

Year 6 Using Hyphens to Avoid Ambiguity – Guidance for Parents

Worksheet:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise using hyphens to avoid ambiguity. There are a number of questions to complete. The first four questions allow children to practise the skill, while the next three questions extend them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

A **hyphen (-) to avoid ambiguity** refers to when a hyphen is used to join two words to clarify meaning and avoid any confusion in a sentence. For example 'man-eating shark' has a different meaning to 'man eating shark'.

Supporting resources:

You can watch the answer explanation video which takes children through this activity and ways to answer it on <https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/playlists> >> **Year 6 Playlist >> Using Hyphens to Avoid Ambiguity Answer Explanation.**

Other resources:

If your child enjoyed this activity and wants to try more activities linked to this learning, you can sign up for £4.83 per month on classroomsecrets.co.uk/membership.

Check out our daily timetable for Year 6 home learning activities on kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk >> Home Learning Timetable.

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1. **B**
2. The second box should be marked 'X'.
3. True
4. Nigel re-coiled the ropes when he had finished on the boat.
Beth recoiled in terror at the sight of the monster.
5. The fast-paced game was over in a matter of minutes.
6. No, Patrick is incorrect because re-served describes serving again.
7. My favourite luggage is my deep-green duffle bag.
By replacing the comma with a hyphen, the word deep now describes the shade of green.