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Q.1 Write a Précis of the following passage, suggesting a suitable title: (20+5=25)

One of the fundamental facts about words is that the most useful ones in our language have many meanings; That is partly why they are so useful; they work overtime ... Think of all the various things we mean by the word "foot" on different occasions: one of the lower extremities of all human body, a measure of verse, the ground about a tree, twelve inches, the floor in front of the stair. The same is true of nearly every common noun or verb.

Considering the number of ways of taking a particular word, the task of speaking clearly and being understood would seem pretty hopeless if it were not for another very important fact about language. Though a word may have many senses, these senses can be controlled, up to a point, by the context in which the word is used. When we find the word in a particular verbal setting, we can usually decide quite definitely which of the many senses of the word is relevant. If a poet says his verse has three feet, it doesn't occur to you that he could mean it's a yard long or is three legged (unless perhaps you are a critic planning to puncture the poet with a pun about his "lumping verse"). The context rules out these maverick senses quite decisively.

## Context Decides Meaning

The thing about words is that one word has different meanings on different occasions. However, there is another important side of language: context. Context reins words. In a particular sentence, one can identify what a word could mean by looking at the context.

Idea and grammar are ok.

Words in passage: 195 words  
Words in precise: 45 words.