

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 occasion: one of the lower extremities of the human body, a measure of verse, the ground about a tree, twelve inches, - the floor in front of the stairs. 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 relevant. If a poet says his verse has feet, it doesn't occur to you that he could mean it's a yard long or is threelegged (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.

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Title: Importance of Context in a Message

The frequently used words in an individual everyday life hold many meanings which makes it difficult for a person to convey its message in correct sense. The context of a word is the prime factor that is responsible to convey the correct sense of a message. When an individual came across a word with myriads of meanings, he is likely to perceive the one that makes most relevant sense. ^{Hence} ~~Therefore~~, ^{the} context of a word eliminate all the false senses.