

1. There are times when the night sky glows with bands of colour. The bands may begin as cloud shapes and then spread into a great arc across the entire sky. They may fall in folds like a curtain drawn across the heavens. The lights usually grow brighter, then suddenly dim. During this time the sky glows with pale yellow, pink, green, violet, blue, and red. These lights are called the Aurora Borealis. Some people call them the Northern Lights. Scientists have been watching them for hundreds of years. They are not quite sure what causes them, in ancient times people were afraid of the Lights. They imagined that they saw fiery dragons in the sky. Some even concluded that the heavens were on fire.

2. 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.

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English
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1. The Northern Lights

During night, a light appears in the sky and then ^{illuminates} ~~the~~ in various colours across the sky. These lights are ^A Aurora ^B borealis commonly known as Northern ^L lights. Nobody knows about the cause. Some ^{believe} believe it as dragons while ^{others} others as paradise on fire.

2. Meaning of Words in Language.

Do not include examples in precis. Just give their gist.

In language, words carry different meanings in different context. The word foot can be use in different context. Therefore, meaning of a word can be ^{understood} understand from the context in which it is used. If a poet tells that his verse has 5-feet. He never means length of legs.

Idea is ok. Improvement needed.