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Activity: Polysemy or Homonymy?

Instructions:

For each word below, determine whether the different meanings listed represent **polysemy** or **homonymy**. Write **P** for polysemy or **H** for homonymy in the blank.

1. **Bank**

- a) A financial institution
- b) The side of a river

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2. **Light**

- a) Brightness that comes from the sun or a lamp
- b) Not heavy

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3. **Bat**

- a) A flying mammal
- b) A piece of equipment used in baseball

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4. **Foot**

- a) The lower part of the leg below the ankle
- b) The base of a mountain

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5. **Seal**

- a) A marine animal
- b) A device used to close something tightly

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6. **Paper**

- a) Material used for writing
- b) An academic article

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7. **Ring**

- a) A piece of jewelry worn on the finger
- b) The sound of a bell

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8. **Pen**

- a) A writing instrument
- b) An enclosure for animals

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9. **Point**

- a) A sharp end
- b) A significant idea or argument

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10. **Can**

- a) A metal container
- b) To be able to do something

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