

## Activity: *Focus Words in Literature*

1. Post the following sentences on the board. Explain to students that “primary” has two meanings. The first set of sentences exemplifies one, and the second exemplifies the other. Ask them to formulate definitions of the word based on the sentences.

The primary grades are kindergarten through grade two or three.  
Primary elections are used to select one candidate from each party to run in the general election.

The principal is the primary decision-maker in the school.  
When her house caught fire, her primary concern was making sure her family got out safely.

2. Explain that many things can be multidimensional. Ask students to think of examples of...

A multidimensional object  
A multidimensional problem  
A multidimensional conflict  
A multidimensional issue  
A multidimensional person

## Reading Comprehension/Discussion Questions:

The following questions can help guide discussion about the paragraph and check for student comprehension. In addition to asking students to consult the paragraph for answers to the questions, teachers can invite students to go beyond the paragraph and tap into their own personal beliefs about the week’s topic.

- What are the two primary ways to control problems like obesity and diabetes?
- Obesity and diabetes are a multidimensional problems. In your opinion, what are some other causes?
- Are snack choices restricted at your school?
- Besides adding more fruits and vegetables, what healthy choices could the school lunch program emphasize?