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**Student's explanations will vary. Example of correct explanations:**

1. It's **pointless** to write with a broken pencil.
   Pointless means not having a purpose. It also refers to a broken pencil tip not having a point.

2. It's **hard to beat** a boiled egg for breakfast.
   Hard to beat means difficult to surpass. It also refers to difficulty in beating an egg for cooking.

3. A burglar at a construction site fell into the concrete mixer. He became a **hardened** criminal.
   Hardened in “hardened criminal” means unlikely to change. Hardened also refers to concrete becoming hard when it sets.

4. Growing up we were too poor to **pay** attention.
   Pay attention means to listen or to notice. It also refers to giving money to debtors.

5. Why can't a bicycle stand on its own? It's **two tired**.
   Two tired refers to a bicycle having two wheels. It also implies being too tired, or fatigued, to stand.

6. He was a great doctor until he lost **patients**.
   Patients are the clients of a doctor. It also implies patience, or tolerance.

7. Elizabeth was fired from her job at the hamburger stand for putting her hair in a **bun**.
   A bun is a bread roll for hamburgers. It also is a woman's hairstyle.

8. A fish with no **eyes** is called a fish.
   Eyes refers to the body part. It also alludes to the letter “i.”