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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 <u>hardened</u> 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 <u>patients</u>.

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 fsh.

Eyes refers to the body part. It also alludes to the letter "i."