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Shades of Meaning: Learn and Practice

Pick the word with just the right strength

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Shades of Meaning

- Some words mean almost the same thing, but one is stronger.
- Think about how much or how strong when you choose a word.
- warm, hot, boiling

1 🍽️ Which word shows the MOST hunger?

A. hungry B. a bit hungry C. full D. starving

2 🏃 Which word means to run very fast?

A. walk B. sprint C. stroll D. tiptoe

3 😒 Which word is weaker than angry?

A. annoyed B. enraged C. fuming D. furious

4 🤫 Which word is the quietest way to talk?

A. shout B. whisper C. scream D. yell

5 🌡️ Order these: warm, boiling, hot. Which word goes in the middle?

A. warm B. boiling C. cool D. hot

6 👀 Which word means to look at something quickly?

A. gaze B. stare C. study D. glance

7 🤩 Which word is stronger than happy?

A. okay B. fine C. thrilled D. calm

8 🐋 Which word is stronger than big?

A. medium B. enormous C. large D. small

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for shades of meaning and one example.

ANSWER KEY

Shades of Meaning: Learn and Practice (answers)

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1 🍽️ Which word shows the MOST hunger?

A. hungry B. a bit hungry C. full **D. starving**

Starving means extremely hungry.

2 🏃 Which word means to run very fast?

A. walk **B. sprint** C. stroll D. tiptoe

To sprint is to run as fast as you can.

3 😒 Which word is weaker than angry?

A. annoyed B. enraged C. fuming D. furious

Annoyed means a little bit upset, so it is weaker than angry.

4 🤫 Which word is the quietest way to talk?

A. shout **B. whisper** C. scream D. yell

A whisper is very soft and quiet.

5 🌡️ Order these: warm, boiling, hot. Which word goes in the middle?

A. warm B. boiling C. cool **D. hot**

Warm is mild, hot is stronger, and boiling is the strongest. Hot is in the middle.

6 👀 Which word means to look at something quickly?

A. gaze B. stare C. study **D. glance**

A glance is a quick look. Stare and gaze mean looking for a long time.

7 🤩 Which word is stronger than happy?

A. okay B. fine **C. thrilled** D. calm

Thrilled means very, very happy, so it is stronger.

8 🐋 Which word is stronger than big?

A. medium **B. enormous** C. large D. small

Enormous means much bigger than big.