

Word Strength Sort

Part 2: Pick two words and tell how you knew.

2.L.V.3.c “Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs that differ in manner (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives that differ in intensity (e.g., large, gigantic). (I)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

LESS STRONG WORD

A MILD word has a less strong meaning. It tells about an amount or feeling that is not extreme.

The soup is hot.

MORE STRONG WORD

A STRONG word has a more powerful meaning. It tells about an amount or feeling that is extreme.

The soup is scorching.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle MILD or STRONG for each word.

1. gigantic

MILD

STRONG

2. exhausted

MILD

STRONG

3. large

MILD

STRONG

4. freezing

MILD

STRONG

5. wet

MILD

STRONG

6. hungry

MILD

STRONG

7. terrified

MILD

STRONG

8. angry

MILD

STRONG

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new MILD word and one new STRONG word.

MILD _____

STRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a MILD adjective. Then write it again, changing the adjective to a STRONG adjective.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	gigantic	STRONG	Gigantic means extremely large.
2	exhausted	STRONG	Exhausted means extremely tired.
3	large	MILD	Large is less strong than gigantic.
4	freezing	STRONG	Freezing means extremely cold.
5	wet	MILD	Wet is less strong than soaked.
6	hungry	MILD	Hungry is less strong than starving.
7	terrified	STRONG	Terrified means extremely scared.
8	angry	MILD	Angry is less strong than furious.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MILD:** noisy
- **STRONG:** deafening

Challenge: My shoes were dirty. My shoes were filthy.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly describe each chosen word as less strong or more strong. For Part 3, accept other accurate adjective examples that fit the category.