

Throw Power Sort

Sort throwing words by force.

3.LV.3.c “Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender, skinny, scrawny). (I)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

SOFT THROW

A soft throw uses little force. It often sends a light object a short distance.

Eli passed a note across the table.

STRONG THROW

A strong throw uses a lot of force. It may send an object fast or far.

The knight catapulted a rock at the castle.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle SOFT or STRONG, then choose two sentences and explain how the verb and details show the amount of force.

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| 1. Ava lobbed the foam ball softly to her cousin. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 2. The quarterback fired the football downfield. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 3. The giant hurled a boulder across the river. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 4. Mia carefully tossed a napkin onto the table. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 5. Lena lightly flipped a pebble into the pond. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 6. The storm flung a trash can into the street. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 7. Sam softly pitched the beanbag underhand into the bucket. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ STRONG |
| 8. The child gently tossed a scarf to her mother. | ☐ SOFT | ☐ 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 _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one sentence showing a SOFT throw and one sentence showing a STRONG throw.

SOFT _____

STRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about throwing the same object. Use a SOFT verb in one sentence and a STRONG verb in the other sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Ava lobbed the foam ball softly to her cousin.	SOFT	Lobbed softly with a foam ball shows little force.
2	The quarterback fired the football downfield.	STRONG	Fired downfield shows a fast, forceful throw.
3	The giant hurled a boulder across the river.	STRONG	Hurled a boulder across a river shows great force.
4	Mia carefully tossed a napkin onto the table.	SOFT	Carefully tossed and a light napkin show little force.
5	Lena lightly flipped a pebble into the pond.	SOFT	Lightly flipped shows a small, easy motion.
6	The storm flung a trash can into the street.	STRONG	Flung by a storm shows powerful force.
7	Sam softly pitched the beanbag underhand into the bucket.	SOFT	Softly pitched underhand with a beanbag shows little force.
8	The child gently tossed a scarf to her mother.	SOFT	Gently tossed and a light scarf show little force.

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)

- **SOFT:** Noah lightly flicked a paper ball into the recycling bin.
- **STRONG:** The athlete launched the javelin across the field.

Challenge: Kai gently flicked a paper airplane to his sister. Then he launched the same paper airplane across the gym.

Accept proof responses that name the throwing verb and a detail that shows little or much force. The context details make the intended shade of meaning clear for each item.