

Word Power Sort

Sort words by how strong their meanings are.

5.L.V.3.c “Distinguish shades of meaning among related words, including verbs, adjectives, and/or adverbs, to clarify intended meaning. (I)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

MORE INTENSE MEANING

A MORE word shows a stronger action, feeling, or amount. It has a stronger shade of meaning than a related mild word.

stare

LESS INTENSE MEANING

A LESS word shows a milder action, feeling, or amount. It has a softer shade of meaning than a related strong word.

glance

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle MORE or LESS for each word, then choose two words and explain what makes each one stronger or milder than a related word.

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. sprint | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 2. stroll | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 3. whisper | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 4. roar | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 5. furious | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 6. annoyed | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 7. exhausted | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |
| 8. drenched | <input type="button" value="MORE"/> | <input type="button" value="LESS"/> |
| <hr/> | | |

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 MORE word and one new LESS word.

MORE _____

LESS _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using a MORE word. Rewrite it with a related LESS word, then explain how the meaning changes.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	sprint	MORE	Sprint is a stronger, faster kind of movement than a mild word such as walk.
2	stroll	LESS	Stroll is a mild, relaxed kind of movement.
3	whisper	LESS	Whisper describes a soft, quiet way of speaking.
4	roar	MORE	Roar describes a very loud, strong sound.
5	furious	MORE	Furious shows a very strong level of anger.
6	annoyed	LESS	Annoyed shows a milder level of anger than furious.
7	exhausted	MORE	Exhausted shows an extreme level of tiredness.
8	drenched	MORE	Drenched shows being very wet.

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)

- **MORE:** freezing
- **LESS:** cool

Challenge: The soup was boiling. The soup was warm. Boiling shows much more heat than warm.

MORE: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8. LESS: 2, 3, 6. For Part 2, accept explanations that compare each chosen word with a related word and clearly describe its greater or lesser degree.