Meaning Meter

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	LESS 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	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	MORE LESS
2.	stroll	MORE LESS
3.	whisper	MORE LESS
4.	roar	MORE LESS
5.	furious	MORE LESS
6.	annoyed	MORE LESS
7.	exhausted	MORE LESS
8.	drenched	MORE LESS

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

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