

Action Power Sort

Words can show a gentle or strong action.

2L5.c "Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender, skinny, scrawny)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

GENTLE ACTION

A gentle action uses little force. It is careful and soft.

Mae **brushes** dust from her sleeve.

STRONG ACTION

A strong action uses a lot of force. It is powerful and hard.

The giant **crushes** a can.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle GENTLE or STRONG for each action; for Part 2, pick two actions and tell which words helped you choose.

1. Rina carefully hands a glass to her grandfather.

GENTLE

STRONG

2. Jules hurls a ball across the field.

GENTLE

STRONG

3. Noah quietly sets the book on the desk.

GENTLE

STRONG

4. I carefully pass the note to my partner.

GENTLE

STRONG

5. The player throws the ball hard to first base.

GENTLE

STRONG

6. Ava gently places the baby bird in its nest.

GENTLE

STRONG

7. The angry man slams the door shut.

GENTLE

STRONG

8. Mia lightly lays the blanket over the baby.

GENTLE

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

For Part 3, write one new sentence with a GENTLE action and one new sentence with a STRONG action.

GENTLE _____

STRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about sending a ball. Use a gentle verb in one sentence and a strong verb in the other. Underline each verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Rina carefully hands a glass to her grandfather.	GENTLE	Hands and carefully show a low-force, careful action.
2	Jules hurls a ball across the field.	STRONG	Hurls means throws with great force.
3	Noah quietly sets the book on the desk.	GENTLE	Sets and quietly show a careful action.
4	I carefully pass the note to my partner.	GENTLE	Pass and carefully show a low-force action.
5	The player throws the ball hard to first base.	STRONG	Hard shows that the throw uses force.
6	Ava gently places the baby bird in its nest.	GENTLE	Gently places shows a careful action.
7	The angry man slams the door shut.	STRONG	Slams means shuts with force.
8	Mia lightly lays the blanket over the baby.	GENTLE	Lightly lays shows a soft, careful action.

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)

- **GENTLE:** I gently tuck the doll into bed.
- **STRONG:** The goalie kicks the ball with force.

Challenge: I nudge the ball to my cousin. I hurl the ball toward the goal.

Answers: 1 GENTLE, 2 STRONG, 3 GENTLE, 4 GENTLE, 5 STRONG, 6 GENTLE, 7 STRONG, 8 GENTLE. For Part 2, accept explanations that point to a force word, such as carefully, hard, gently, lightly, hurls, or slams.