

Garden Word Speeds

Compare related words to notice differences in strength and meaning.

3L5 “Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline *walked*, *trot*, and *raced* in paragraph 1. Circle *whispered*, *called*, and *shouted* in paragraph 2, then write 1, 2, and 3 beside them from quietest to loudest.

A Morning at the Garden

- ① On Saturday, Mia and her grandfather visited the community garden. They *walked* along the paths, looking at beans and bright marigolds. Near the gate, a little dog began to *trot* beside them. When the dog heard its owner call, it *raced* across the grass. Mia laughed as the dog reached its owner before Grandfather could wave.
- ② At the tool shed, Grandfather handed Mia a watering can to carry. Mia *whispered* to the dog, “Stay on the path.” A bee buzzed close by, and Mia *called* for Grandfather. Then she *shouted* when she saw a rabbit nibble a lettuce leaf. Grandfather heard her from the far end of the garden and came back quickly to help her.
- ③ Grandfather gently guided the rabbit toward a patch of clover outside the fence. Mia felt *worried* when the rabbit was near the vegetables, but she felt *relieved* after it hopped away. Before leaving, she was *tired* from carrying water, yet she was not *exhausted*. She still had enough energy to help Grandfather close the gate at sunset.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Put these movement words in order from slowest to fastest: *raced*, *walked*, *trot*.

2 Which speaking word is the quietest? Which speaking word is the loudest?

3 How is *relieved* different from *worried* in the passage?

4 The passage says Mia was tired but not exhausted. What does this tell you about the word *exhausted*?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write exactly two sentences about a person or animal moving. Use three movement words not used in the passage that show different speeds, and underline the fastest word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline *walked*, *trot*, and *raced* in paragraph 1. Circle *whispered*, *called*, and *shouted* in paragraph 2, then write 1, 2, and 3 beside them from quietest to loudest. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Put these movement words in order from slowest to fastest: <i>raced</i> , <i>walked</i> , <i>trot</i> .	walked, trot, raced
2	Which speaking word is the quietest? Which speaking word is the loudest?	Quietest: whispered. Loudest: shouted.
3	How is <i>relieved</i> different from <i>worried</i> in the passage?	Worried means Mia was concerned about the rabbit near the vegetables. Relieved means she felt better after the rabbit hopped away.
4	The passage says Mia was tired but not exhausted. What does this tell you about the word <i>exhausted</i> ?	Exhausted means much more tired, with very little energy left.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lena strolled down the sidewalk, then jogged toward the park. When rain began, she sprinted to the shelter.

Accept the question answers or equivalent wording that shows the same word relationships and shades of meaning. For Your Turn, accept any two sentences with three movement words not used in the passage, clear differences in speed, and the fastest word underlined.