Two Kinds of Light

Use the words around light to find its meaning.

2.L.4 "Determine the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 2 reading and content using flexible strategies. Use sentence-level context to determine the meaning of a word or phrase..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

BRIGHTNESS

Sometimes **light** means brightness that helps you see. Look for clues about seeing or shining.

The candle made light in the cave.

NOT HEAVY

Sometimes **light** means not heavy. Look for clues about weight or carrying.

The empty basket is light, so I can hold it with one hand.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, read each sentence and circle GLOW or LIFT for **light**; for Part 2, choose two item numbers and explain which clue words helped you decide.

1. 1. The sun gave us light to see the path. GLOW LIFT

2. 2. I turned on the flashlight to shine light inside the tent. GLOW LIFT

3. 3. My light suitcase did not weigh much. GLOW LIFT

4. 4. The light from the fireflies helped us see in the yard. GLOW LIFT

5. 5. The light package was easy to carry. GLOW LIFT

6. 6. This light chair is easy for me to move. GLOW LIFT

7. 7. Light from the streetlamp shone through my window. GLOW LIFT

8. 8. Light came through the window when Dad opened the curtains. GLOW LIFT

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 new sentence using **light** to mean brightness and one using **light** to mean not heavy.

GLOW _____

LIFT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses **light** twice, once for brightness and once for not heavy.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.L.4

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. The sun gave us light to see the path.	**GLOW**	The sun and the words 'see the path' point to brightness.
2	2. I turned on the flashlight to shine light inside the tent.	**GLOW**	A flashlight shines brightness.
3	3. My light suitcase did not weigh much.	**LIFT**	'Did not weigh much' means the suitcase was not heavy.
4	4. The light from the fireflies helped us see in the yard.	**GLOW**	The fireflies helped the children see.
5	5. The light package was easy to carry.	**LIFT**	'Easy to carry' points to a low weight.
6	6. This light chair is easy for me to move.	**LIFT**	'Easy for me to move' points to a low weight.
7	7. Light from the streetlamp shone through my window.	**GLOW**	'Shone' points to brightness.
8	8. Light came through the window when Dad opened the curtains.	**GLOW**	Opening the curtains let brightness into the room.

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)

- **GLOW**: The light from my phone lit the stairs.
- **LIFT**: My light scarf was easy to pack.

Challenge: The light from the moon helped me carry a light bucket with one hand.

For Part 2, accept two explanations that name a clue from each chosen sentence and connect it to the meaning of light. For example, in item 3, 'did not weigh much' shows that light means not heavy.