

Word Power Sort

Sort words by how strong their meaning is.

3.RV.1.G "Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs and adjectives."

NAME _____

DATE _____

MILD MEANING

A mild word shows a small or gentle degree of an action or description.

The soup is warm.

STRONG MEANING

A strong word shows a more intense or extreme degree of an action or description.

The soup is boiling.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word and circle MILD or STRONG to show how powerful its meaning is.

1. delighted

MILD

STRONG

2. walk

MILD

STRONG

3. tired

MILD

STRONG

4. exhausted

MILD

STRONG

5. tiny

MILD

STRONG

6. pleased

MILD

STRONG

7. sprint

MILD

STRONG

8. chilly

MILD

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

Write one new MILD word and one new STRONG word that show shades of meaning.

MILD _____

STRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write a pair of words for the same kind of description, one MILD and one STRONG. Label each word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	delighted	STRONG	Delighted is a very strong feeling of happiness.
2	walk	MILD	Walk is a gentle way to move on foot.
3	tired	MILD	Tired means needing rest, but not at the strongest level.
4	exhausted	STRONG	Exhausted means extremely tired.
5	tiny	STRONG	Tiny means extremely small.
6	pleased	MILD	Pleased means happy, but less strongly than delighted.
7	sprint	STRONG	Sprint means to run very fast.
8	chilly	MILD	Chilly means somewhat cold, not extremely cold.

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)

- **MILD**: wet
- **STRONG**: soaked

Challenge: MILD: hungry. STRONG: starving.

Accept other answers when the student correctly shows a mild and a stronger or more extreme shade of the same idea. Tiny belongs in STRONG because it means extremely small.