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.

ANSWER KEY # Word Power Sort

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