

Word Power Sort

Sort words by how strongly they show an action or quality.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

STRONGER WORD

These words show a more intense action or quality. Use them when you want your meaning to be more powerful.

Famished is a stronger word for hungry.

MILDER WORD

These words show a less intense action or quality. Use them when you want your meaning to be softer.

Sip is a milder word for drink.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle STRONGER or MILDER for each item, then choose two items and explain how each word changes the meaning of its basic word.

1. gigantic for big

STRONGER

MILDER

2. stroll for walk

STRONGER

MILDER

3. annoyed for angry

STRONGER

MILDER

4. sprint for run

STRONGER

MILDER

5. freezing for cold

STRONGER

MILDER

6. roar for speak

STRONGER

MILDER

7. glance for look

STRONGER

MILDER

8. tiny for small

STRONGER

MILDER

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 STRONGER word and one new Milder word. For each one, name the basic word it could replace.

STRONGER _____

MILDER _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that uses a STRONGER word. Rewrite it with a Milder word that still fits, while keeping the main idea.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	gigantic for big	STRONGER	Gigantic means extremely big.
2	stroll for walk	MILDER	Stroll means walk in a relaxed, unhurried way.
3	annoyed for angry	MILDER	Annoyed is less intense than angry.
4	sprint for run	STRONGER	Sprint means run very fast.
5	freezing for cold	STRONGER	Freezing means extremely cold.
6	roar for speak	STRONGER	Roar means speak very loudly.
7	glance for look	MILDER	Glance means look quickly.
8	tiny for small	STRONGER	Tiny means extremely small.

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)

- **STRONGER:** delighted for happy.
- **MILDER:** murmur for talk.

Challenge: The exhausted swimmer rested. The tired swimmer rested.

Accept explanations that correctly compare each choice with its basic word. Stronger words show greater intensity, while milder words show less intensity.