

Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in matter and adjectives differing in intensity by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.

Shades of Meaning: Verbs and Adjectives

Shades of Meaning Charades

Divide the group or class into two teams.

Three or four students from the same team look at one word list. This group of students puts the words in order from weakest to strongest.

The group will act out each of the associated words—one student per word. Each student has 30 seconds to present the word while the team guesses. At the end of a minute and a half or two minutes, the team has to say what these words have in common.

After one group of four students has had their turn, four students from the other team take a turn acting out another list of words.

Charades Word Lists

1. walk, skip, stroll, march
2. look, peek, stare, glare
3. nibble, munch, eat, gobble
4. awake, sleepy, tired, asleep
5. sip, drink, gulp
6. whispered, said, yelled
7. pleased, happy, excited
8. tap, knock, thump, pound
9. toss, throw, pitch
10. big, large, gigantic
11. chilly, cold, freezing
12. smell, stink, stench
13. small, tiny, microscopic
14. scared, frightened, terrified