

Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs.

Shades of Meaning Charades

Divide the group or class into two teams.

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

Each of these students will act out one word from the list while the team guesses.

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