Shades of Meaning

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Quick Review

Some words are alike but not the same. To *look*, *peek*, and *stare* all mean to see, but each is a little different. *Big*, *huge*, and *giant* all mean large, but *giant* is the biggest. Pick the word that fits best.

PRACTICE

Pick the word with the best shade of meaning.

1. Which word means to look quickly and quietly?

A. stare

B. peek

C. watch

D. gaze

2. Which word means to look at something for a long time without stopping?

A. peek

B. glance

C. stare

D. blink

3. Which word means the BIGGEST?

A. big

B. large

C. giant

D. good

4. Which word fits best? *The soup just came off the stove and was too _____ to eat.*

A. cool

B. warm

C. hot

D. cold

5. Which word fits best? *After a short rest, the blanket felt nice and* _____.

A. freezing

B. warm

C. boiling

D. icy

6. Which word means to walk very slowly and tiredly?

A. run

B. skip

C. trudge

D. race

7. Order from smallest to biggest: *big, giant, large.*

A. giant, large, big

B. big, large, giant

C. large, big, giant

D. big, giant, large

8. Which word means to laugh in a soft, light way: *giggle* or *roar*? _____

Answer: _____

9. The word *huge* means bigger than the word *big*.

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10. Pick *warm* or *hot*. Write a sentence using the word you picked.

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Answer Keys

1	A	**B**	C	D	6	A	B	**C**	D
2	A	B	**C**	D	7	A	**B**	C	D
3	A	B	**C**	D	8	giggle			
4	A	B	**C**	D	9	**T**	F		
5	A	**B**	C	D	10	See below			

Explanations

1. B	To peek is to take a quick, quiet look.
2. C	To stare is to look at something for a long time.
3. C	Giant means very, very large. It is bigger than big or large.
4. C	Soup straight off the stove is hot, not just warm.
5. B	A nice blanket feels warm, not boiling or icy.
6. C	To trudge is to walk slowly with heavy, tired steps.
7. B	Big is the smallest, then large, then giant is the biggest.
8. giggle	A giggle is a soft, light laugh. A roar is loud.
9. T	Huge means very large, which is bigger than big.
10.	**Answer:** Example: The sand on the beach was hot under my feet. Accept any sentence that uses the chosen word in a way that fits its meaning.

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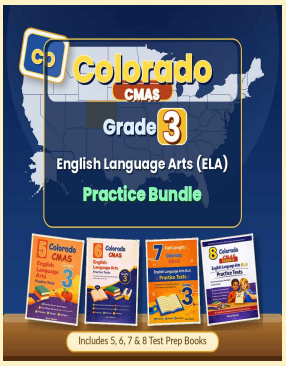

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