

# 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*.
- T / F**
10. Pick *warm* or *hot*. Write a sentence using the word you picked.

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9  T  F
- 10

### 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.	<b>Answer:</b> 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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