

# Shades of Meaning

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## Quick Review

Some words have similar meanings, but one is **STRONGER** than the others. *Happy* → *glad* → *thrilled* all describe positive feelings, but they are not exactly the same. The strongest word fits the strongest feeling.

## PRACTICE

Pick the word with the **BEST** shade of meaning.

- Which word shows the **STRONGEST** happiness?
  - okay
  - glad
  - happy
  - overjoyed
- Which word shows the **WEAKEST** anger?
  - furious
  - annoyed
  - enraged
  - livid
- Which word fits **BEST**? *After running ten miles, I was* \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a little sleepy
  - exhausted
  - kind of tired
  - rested
- Which word fits **BEST**? *When I lost my pencil, I was* \_\_\_\_\_.
  - furious
  - annoyed
  - devastated
  - heartbroken



5. Order these from WEAKEST to STRONGEST: *chilly, freezing, cool, cold*.
  - A. cool, chilly, cold, freezing
  - B. freezing, cold, chilly, cool
  - C. cold, cool, freezing, chilly
  - D. chilly, freezing, cool, cold
6. Which word shows the STRONGEST surprise?
  - A. interested
  - B. surprised
  - C. amazed
  - D. shocked
7. Which word BEST replaces *said* for someone whispering?
  - A. yelled
  - B. shouted
  - C. murmured
  - D. screamed
8. Which word BEST replaces *said* for someone who is angry?
  - A. whispered
  - B. snapped
  - C. mumbled
  - D. asked
9. Pick the BEST word: *The kitten was so small that we \_\_\_\_\_ over its tiny paws.* (gasped / glanced / glared / giggled)  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Pick a feeling. Write THREE words for it from weakest to strongest. Example: happy → cheerful → overjoyed.  
  
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# Answer Keys

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Explanations	
<b>1. D</b>	Overjoyed > happy > glad > okay. The strongest word wins.
<b>2. B</b>	Annoyed is mild. Furious, enraged, and livid are very strong.
<b>3. B</b>	Ten miles → exhausted is the strongest fit. The others are too mild or opposite.
<b>4. B</b>	Losing a pencil is a small problem → mild annoyance. The others are too strong.
<b>5. A</b>	Cool → chilly → cold → freezing. The others scramble the order.
<b>6. D</b>	Shocked > amazed > surprised > interested.
<b>7. C</b>	Murmured = quiet speech. The others are loud.
<b>8. B</b>	Snapped = sharp, angry speech. The others fit other moods.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> gasped or giggled (either fits) Gasped = strong surprise; giggled = light laughter. Both fit something cute and small. Glanced/glared do not fit the meaning.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Examples: tired → exhausted → wiped out. OR cold → freezing → arctic. Any three words on the same feeling in increasing intensity.



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