Name _____ Date _____

Shades of Meaning

Write the words in order, from weakest to strongest.

happy thrilled glad

weakest strongest

pound knock tap

weakest strongest

damp soaked wet

weakest strongest

rock pebble boulder

weakest strongest

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Name _____ Date _____

Shades of Meaning

Circle the word that fits the sentence best.

A gentle _____ made the leaves flutter.

breeze wind gale

I was a little _____ before the play, but I did fine.

nervous scared terrified

A _____ rolled into my shoe and bugged me all day.

pebble rock boulder

Dad was a little _____ when the dog tracked in mud, but he smiled.

annoyed angry furious

The king lived in a _____ with one hundred rooms.

hut house mansion

The angry giant _____ on the door so hard that it shook.

tapped knocked pounded

After I fell in the pool, my clothes were _____.

damp wet soaked

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Name _____ Date _____

Shades of Meaning

How sure is the person? Circle the word that fits.

I looked at the clock and saw it was noon. I _____ it was time for lunch.

wondered
knew

I had no idea, so I just _____ how many beans were in the jar.

knew
guessed

Grandpa told me the story, and I trust him, so I _____ it.

believed
wondered

I counted the eggs three times. I _____ there were twelve.

knew
guessed

I found paw prints in the mud, so I _____ a fox had walked by.

knew
suspected

The sky was dark, so I _____ it might rain, but I was not sure.

guessed
knew

I heard a scratch in the box, so I _____ a mouse was inside.

suspected
knew

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Name _____ Date _____

Shades of Meaning

Answer from your own life.

Name something that is fragrant.

Name a time someone was friendly to you.

Name a sound that is faint.

Name something that is scalding.

Name a time you felt nervous.

Name something that is fragile.

Name a person who is helpful.

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Name _____ Date _____

Shades of Meaning

Circle the word that fits the sentence best.

The _____ was so tiny that only two chairs fit inside.

hut house mansion

I _____ on the door softly so I would not wake the baby.

tapped knocked pounded

The _____ was so strong that it knocked down trees.

breeze wind gale

It was only a _____, so we did not need an umbrella.

drizzle shower downpour

The baby bird took a tiny _____ of water.

sip drink gulp

My socks are just a bit _____, not soaked.

damp wet soaked

The _____ was so big that ten people could not move it.

pebble rock boulder

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Name _____ Date _____

Shades of Meaning

How sure is the person? Circle the word that fits.

Nobody has seen the kitten all day. I _____ where it went.

wondered
knew

A box sat on the porch with no name on it. I _____ who sent it.

believed
wondered

Grandpa told me the story, and I trust him, so I _____ it.

believed
wondered

My friends all said the game was fun, so I _____ them.

believed
wondered

My sister never breaks a promise, so I _____ her.

guessed
believed

I had no idea, so I just _____ how many beans were in the jar.

knew
guessed

The cookies were gone and the dog had crumbs on its nose, so we _____ the dog.

suspected
wondered

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After I fell in the pool, my clothes were soaked.

damp wet **soaked**

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(knew)

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knew
(guessed)

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(believed)
wondered

I counted the eggs three times. I ___knew___ there were twelve.

(knew)
guessed

I found paw prints in the mud, so I ___suspected___ a fox had walked by.

knew
(suspected)

The sky was dark, so I ___guessed___ it might rain, but I was not sure.

(guessed)
knew

I heard a scratch in the box, so I ___suspected___ a mouse was inside.

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knew

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One way: a rose, fresh bread

Name a time someone was friendly to you.

One way: when a new kid shared a snack

Name a sound that is faint.

One way: a whisper, a cricket far away

Name something that is scalding.

One way: boiling water, hot soup

Name a time you felt nervous.

One way: before a test

Name something that is fragile.

One way: an egg, a glass cup

Name a person who is helpful.

One way: a nurse, my big brother

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Shades of Meaning

Circle the word that fits the sentence best.

The hut was so tiny that only two chairs fit inside.

(hut) house mansion

I tapped on the door softly so I would not wake the baby.

(tapped) knocked pounded

The gale was so strong that it knocked down trees.

breeze wind (gale)

It was only a drizzle, so we did not need an umbrella.

(drizzle) shower downpour

The baby bird took a tiny sip of water.

(sip) drink gulp

My socks are just a bit damp, not soaked.

(damp) wet soaked

The boulder was so big that ten people could not move it.

pebble rock (boulder)

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