

L.O. I can order words according to shades of meaning

Although there may be many different words for the same thing, there are usually slight differences in meaning. For example, 'cross' and 'furious' both mean angry, but 'furious' means more angry than 'cross' does.

Activity 1: Read these lists of words carefully. You need to put them in order according to their meaning. Ask yourself 'which word has the strongest meaning? Which word has the weakest meaning?' Write the weakest words first.

- Grumpy, cross, furious
- Eat, gobble, nibble
- Sip, swig, swallow, gulp
- Wreck, destroy, damage
- Shining, sparkling, glittering, dazzling
- Boring, dull, tedious
- Great, big, enormous, gigantic

Activity 2: Make a list of all the words you know that mean 'happy'. Write them in order from weakest to strongest.

Activity 3: Use some of your words to fill in the spaces in these sentences. Make sure you choose a word that is appropriate in the sentences (you are only allowed to use 'happy' once!)

1. Reg looked out of the window and was to see a thin layer of snow.
2. Mary was absolutely when she won the lottery.
3. Max wasn't very when he realised he'd left his homework at home.
4. Mrs Brown was when she watched her son in the school play.
5. Mr Alan was with the school report.
6. After twenty years, John was to see his brother from Australia.