Shades of meaning worksheet

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For grown-ups: 10 questions from our shades of meaning practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **Which word is the strongest?**

   ○ **stomped** ○ **strolled** ○ **marched** ○ **walked**

2. **Which word shows the strongest happy feeling?**

   ○ **glad** ○ **thrilled** ○ **happy** ○ **content**

3. **Which word means the biggest?**

   ○ **gigantic** ○ **large** ○ **big** ○ **huge**

4. **Which word is the coldest?**

   ○ **cool** ○ **freezing** ○ **cold** ○ **chilly**

5. **Which word is the weakest?**

   ○ **angry** ○ **furious** ○ **enraged** ○ **annoyed**

6. **Which word is the slowest?**

   ○ **jogged** ○ **sprinted** ○ **dashed** ○ **ran**

7. **Which word means to speak very quietly?**

   ○ **shouted** ○ **murmured** ○ **spoke** ○ **said**

8. **Which word fits a gentle, playful kitten?**

   The kitten ___ the ball of yarn.

   ○ **tapped** ○ **smashed** ○ **pounded** ○ **slammed**

9. **Which word means to look at something for a long time?**

   ○ **glanced** ○ **peeked** ○ **stared** ○ **saw**

10. **Which word fits a very hungry dinosaur eating fast?**

    Rex ___ the leaves.

    ○ **devoured** ○ **nibbled** ○ **tasted** ○ **snacked**

Answer key: Shades of meaning

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1. **stomped**
   Stomped is the strongest. It means walking with heavy, forceful steps.
2. **thrilled**
   Thrilled is the strongest. It means extremely happy and excited.
3. **gigantic**
   Gigantic is the strongest. It means as big as a giant.
4. **freezing**
   Freezing is the strongest. It is so cold that water turns to ice.
5. **annoyed**
   Annoyed is the weakest. It is only a little bothered. Furious and enraged are very strong.
6. **jogged**
   Jogged is the slowest. Jogging is a steady, gentle run. Sprinted and dashed are the fastest.
7. **murmured**
   Murmured means to speak softly and low. It is more precise than said.
8. **tapped**
   Tapped is light and gentle. The other words are hard and forceful.
9. **stared**
   Stared means to look at something steadily for a long time. Glanced and peeked are quick looks.
10. **devoured**
    Devoured means ate hungrily and fast. Nibbled and tasted are tiny bites.