

# Shades of Meaning

**“Shades of meaning”** refers to the nuances, or the slight differences in meanings, of words that have similar meanings.

Complete each sentence with the stronger word from the parentheses.

1) The statue was \_\_\_\_\_ . (large, colossal)

2) L \_\_\_\_\_

3) M \_\_\_\_\_ (angry)

4) V \_\_\_\_\_  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )

5) V \_\_\_\_\_

6) The weather was \_\_\_\_\_ . (bad, awful)

7) Hugh had to \_\_\_\_\_ his pets as he was moving abroad.  
(abandon, leave)

8) The color scheme was \_\_\_\_\_ . (bad, hideous)

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