

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) My mom baked _____ blueberry muffins. (tasty, delicious)

- 2) He ran fast as the drizzle turned into a _____. (rainfall, cloudburst)

- 3) Mr. Stevens was _____ when the boy dented his car. (angry, furious)

- 4) Few matches played this season were as _____ as this. (good, great)

- 5) Liam was _____ when he saw the lion. (afraid, terrified)

- 6) Janie’s necklace is made of _____ diamonds. (beautiful, exquisite)

- 7) The trees give us some relief from the _____ heat.
(intense, scorching)

- 8) After he lost the job, Ken was _____ for some time. (sad, depressed)