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Shades of Meaning: Adjectives

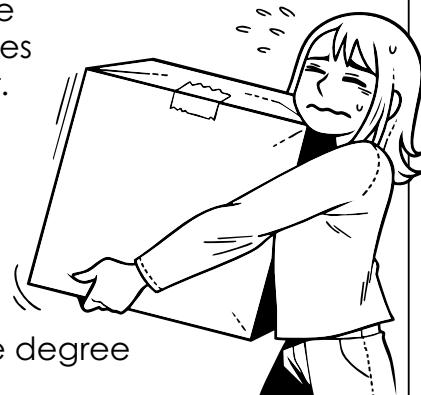
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Each adjective in the table gives a basic description. Think of at least **four** different adjectives or similes that describe similar qualities. Use a thesaurus if necessary.

loud

hot

empty

small



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kind

scared

pretty

smart

ANSWER KEY

Answers will vary. Examples are given.

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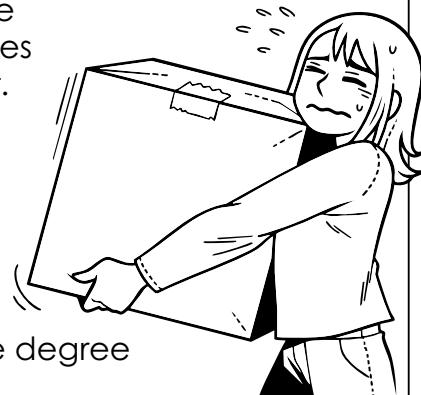
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