

Name: _____

Shades of Meaning



Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings. Synonyms often have small but important differences in meaning. It is important to use the best word to make your ideas clearer and your writing more descriptive.

Read each sentence. Underline the weak descriptive word. Then rewrite the sentence using a stronger word.

1. The cake was good.

2. The soup was too warm to eat.

3. Marlee was happy when she got a perfect score on her test.

4. The mountain was big.

5. The movie was good.

6. I had a bad day.

ANSWER KEY

Shades of Meaning



Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings. Synonyms often have small but important differences in meaning. It is important to use the best word to make your ideas clearer and your writing more descriptive.

Read each sentence. Underline the weak descriptive word. Then rewrite the sentence using a stronger word.

Answers may vary. Examples are given.

1. The cake was good.

The cake was delicious.

2. The soup was too warm to eat.

The soup was too hot to eat.

3. Marlee was happy when she got a perfect score on her test.

Marlee was thrilled when she got a perfect score on her test.

4. The mountain was big.

The mountain was gigantic.

5. The movie was good.

The movie was amazing.

6. I had a bad day.

I had a horrible day.