

# Shades of Meaning

Shades of meaning refers to the slight differences in meaning between similar words or phrases.

Some words are more powerful than others.

**wet** → **soggy** → **soaked** → **drenched**

**annoyed** → **angry** → **irate** → **furious**

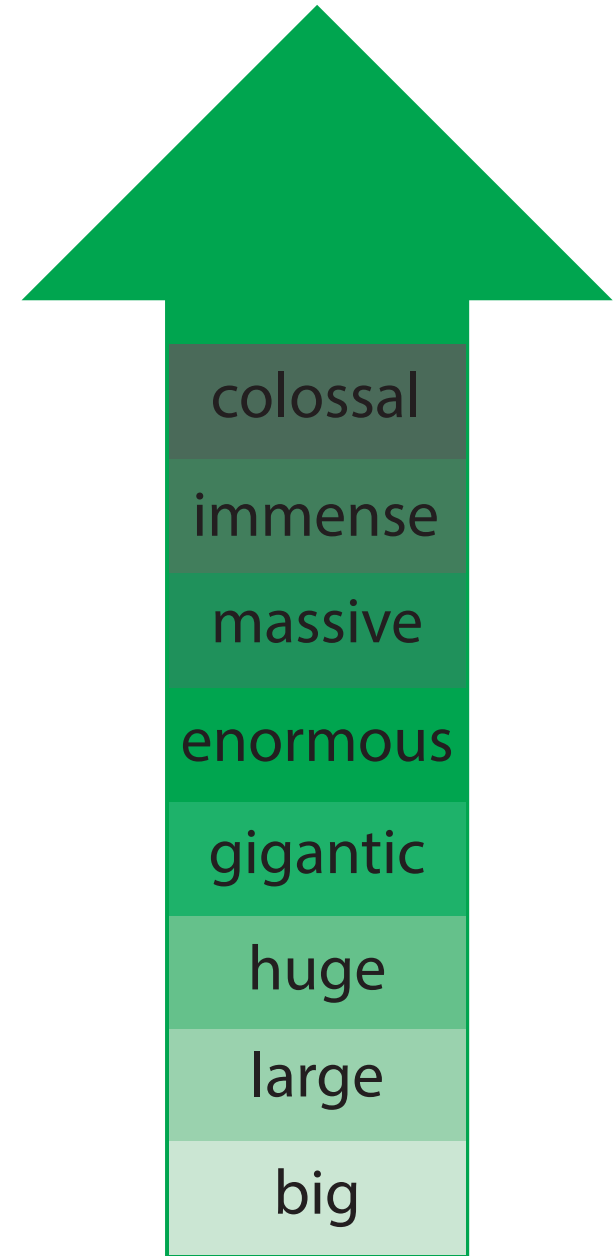
**glad** → **joyful** → **delighted** → **thrilled**

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Some words are more specific in meaning and are more precise in expressing an idea.

To describe something as **big**, we need to choose a word that indicates **the degree** of size.

Note that things can be “big” in mass or in height. Some words are better suited to describe mass. Others relate more to height.



# Examples of shades of meaning:

## **happy:**

cheerful, merry, joyful, gleeful, jovial, delighted, satisfied, buoyant, ecstatic, euphoric, blissful

## **noisy:**

loud, thunderous, blaring, deafening, ear-splitting, booming.

## **shining:**

sparkling, glittering, dazzling, glitzy, gleaming, flashing, shimmering, luminous, glossy, glinting, lustrous.