Shades of meaning.

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

For example:

Something can be described as big.

Words such as large, huge, gigantic, enormous and massive also relate to size, but show varying shades of meaning. They are more specific in meaning.

That dog is big.

That dog is huge.

That dog is massive.

More examples:

Can you see how each word changes the strength of the meaning.

The flower is nice.
The flower is beautiful.
The flower is gorgeous.
The flower is stunning.

The comedian is funny.
The comedian is witty.
The comedian is hilarious.

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