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EXPLORING SHADES OF MEANING IN SYNONYMS

SHADES OF MEANING REFERS TO THE SMALL, SUBTLE DIFFERENCES IN MEANING BETWEEN SIMILAR WORDS OR PHRASES.

Goal: Learning to Choose Words that Create Deeper Meaning in Sentences.

Words of Movement

bolted	scurried	crawled	sprinted	meandered
dragged	sauntered	jogged	skipped	strolled
strutted	sashayed	stalked	limped	crept
wobbled	walked briskly	pranced	stomped	tiptoed

Task: Choose from the words above the best fit for each sentence below.

1. Slamming the door behind her, the teacher _____ into the room.
2. The thief _____ out of the door as soon as he heard the police sirens.
3. The model _____ slowly down the runway during the fashion show.
4. Trying not to be noticed, the man _____ into the house at 2AM.
5. The bully _____ into the playground while flexing his muscles.
6. Enjoying being out in nature, the couple _____ down the dirt path.
7. Running late for work, the business man _____ towards the station.
8. With aching joints, the elderly man _____ to the bathroom.
9. Angrily, Joe _____ up to the man that was flirting with his girlfriend.