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Describe the Difference Between Related Words #2

Some words are similar to each other but have small differences that can change the tone or meaning of a sentence. These small differences are called **shades of meaning**.

For example, **graze** and **devour** both mean to consume food. However, to **graze** is to eat a small amount over an extended period of time, while to **devour** is to take in a large amount of food in a short amount of time.

Explain the difference between the related words in each pair.

1. to **soothe** someone vs. to **appease** someone: _____

2. an **assortment** of items vs. a **collection** of items: _____

3. an **intriguing** story vs. an **interesting** story: _____

4. going on a **quest** vs. going on a **journey**: _____

5. a **vague** explanation vs. an **evasive** explanation: _____

6. to **feed** vs. to **nourish**: _____

Draw pictures to show the difference between the related words below.

a grove	a thicket