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Describe the Difference Between Related Words #3

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, **dismantle** and **demolish** both mean to destroy. However, to **dismantle** is to disassemble, while to **demolish** is to completely destroy.

Explain the difference between the related words in each pair.

1. a **gaudy** necklace vs. an **extravagant** necklace: _____

2. to **irritate** someone vs. to **infuriate** someone: _____

3. an **inspiring** speech vs. a **galvanizing** a speech: _____

4. a **cascade** of water vs. a **deluge** of water: _____

5. facing a **predicament** vs. facing a **crisis**: _____

6. to **vacate** an area vs. to **evacuate** an area: _____

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

a summit	a precipice