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Describe the Difference Between Related Words

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, **sip** and **gulp** both mean to drink liquid. However, to **sip** is to drink a small amount, while to **gulp** is to take in a large amount of liquid.

Explain the difference between the related words in each pair.

1. being **delayed** vs. being **tardy**: _____

2. to **gaze** at something vs. to **peer** at something: _____

3. **strolling** somewhere vs. **hiking** somewhere: _____

4. making a **demand** vs. making a **request**: _____

5. a **carefree** person vs. a **careless** person: _____

6. moving at a **sluggish** pace vs. moving at a **leisurely** pace: _____

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

a meadow

a pasture