

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationships Between Words**



## Be More Descriptive

Words that have the same or similar meanings are called synonyms. Improve your writing skills by replacing bland or vague words with precise, descriptive words.

**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the best expressive word from the three right columns to replace the adjective on the left.

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| 1. a thin man     | narrow       | scrawny   | fine         |
| 2. a big dog      | enormous     | wide      | towering     |
| 3. a hungry girl  | empty        | hollow    | ravenous     |
| 4. a good friend  | well-behaved | loyal     | nice         |
| 5. a boring movie | mind numbing | tedious   | slow         |
| 6. a slow worker  | sedate       | sluggish  | rapid        |
| 7. a rich family  | lucky        | affluent  | hard-working |
| 8. a bad cold     | awkward      | miserable | boring       |
| 9. a long trip    | interminable | lingering | slow         |
| 10. a fast answer | steady       | hurried   | rapid        |