



## WORD PLAY: Gradable Antonyms

**TEACHER:** Copy, laminate, and cut the words apart and place in an envelope, baggie, etc. (Teacher be prepared to hear great discussion!)

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Determine student engagement as either individual, partners, or a group.
2. Each receives one envelope of words that have shades of meaning.
3. Place the words in order considering intensity of the nuances between antonyms.
4. Be prepared to justify answers.

slow	fast
sluggish	dawdling
gradual	moderate
quick	brisk
rapid	accelerated



young	old
newborn	childish
immature	adolescent
experienced	mature
adult	senior



early

late

beginning

prompt

punctual

current

tardy

last minute

delayed

overdue



light

heavy

fragile

flimsy

underweight

stout

bulky

substantial

burdensome

massive



skinny

fat

emaciated

scrawny

lean

slender

portly

brawny

obese

humongous



dull

bright

ignorant

dumb

simple

boring

interesting

witty

keen

intelligent



empty

full

bare

hollow

lacking

sufficient

complete

fruitful

abundant

overflowing