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# Shades of Meaning

## Cougars

**Vocabulary Strategies:**  
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**Rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined word with the synonym in parentheses. Then identify the new word as weaker, stronger, or similar in meaning.**

watched	shrieked	interesting	unfriendly	hurried
studied	tasty	fascinating	ate	walked
called	delicious	hostile	devoured	

1. The cougar watched its prey. (studied)
2. The bird called a warning. (shrieked)
3. The dessert was tasty. (delicious)
4. We found the cougars' behavior to be interesting. (fascinating)
5. The animals were hostile toward each other. (unfriendly)
6. The cougar ate the steak. (devoured)
7. The children hurried to the cougar exhibit. (walked)