

How to use clines:

Choose a selection of words that share a similar meaning and write them on individual cards. (See the size cards below as an example.)

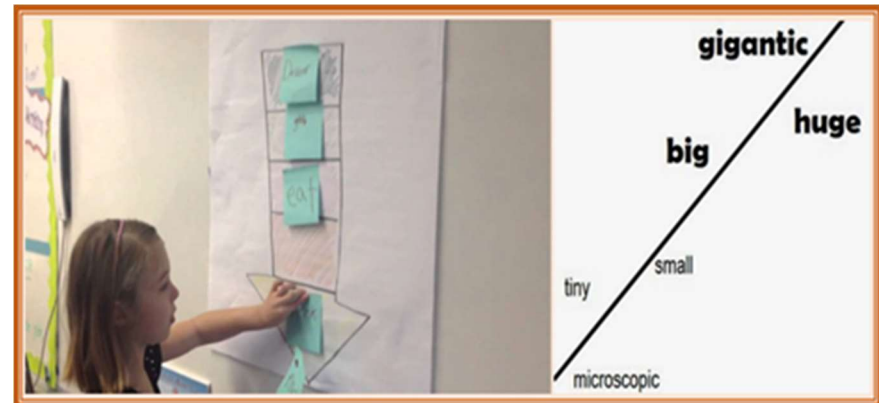
- Talk to your children about what the words mean while you grade them.
- For example, words related to size might be graded from a word meaning very small up to words meaning enormous.
- Use the visual 'steps' prompt below to help children imagine the words getting larger in meaning.
- Talk about word meanings - are any of the words difficult to grade? Do two of them share the same or similar meanings?

Finally, ask the children to put the words into sentences. How do the words change the meaning or feeling of a sentence?

For example: *One dog was **small** and noisy but the other was **enormous**, like a bear.*

Word Clines

Top tip... If you speak other languages at home, translate the words into your home languages. Can you grade them in the same way? Does this work? If not, what are the differences between your home languages and English?



tiny



minute



small



large



huge



enormous





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