

Linear Array

What

Linear arrays are visual representations of degree.

Why

Linear arrays help students examine subtle distinctions in words.

How

An activity such as this starts with two words with concepts that are directly opposite. Students generate a list of words that fall somewhere in between. Finally, the students arrange the words in descending order. (See below).

Example Terms Arranged in Linear Array:

Hottest ~~~~~Coldest

boiling
hot
warm
lukewarm
tepid
cool
chilled
freezing

Example Terms to Arrange from Always to Never:

always
never
even chance
certain
less than even
occasionally
seldom
frequently
more than even
rarely
often
likely
probably
unlikely

