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Semantic Gradients Plus Contexts

Select a word to fill in the blank in the first sentence. Then place the Word Band words along the semantic gradient. Be prepared to consider which word best fits with the context that is provided in the second sentence.

“Jimmy _____ home.”

trudged

sprinted

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Word Bank: raced, walked, hurried, dawdled, hobbled

“Jimmy _____ home. He couldn’t wait to see the new puppy.”

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1. “Jamon’s team _____ their opponents.”
 2. “Jamon’s mom _____ during the movie.”
 3. “Jamon felt _____ when he got the test back.”
 4. “Jamon was dressed properly for the _____ weather.”

Pick one of the four sentences and make a semantic gradient including anchor words and Word Bank words. Place the words along the continuum. Then revise or add to the sentence by including context and then explain which word on the gradient would be the best answer to fill in the blank.