

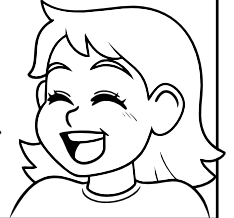
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Read each set of words. Then write the words on the lines in the correct order from least intense to most intense.

← **least intense** **most intense** →



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|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5. damp, soaked,
wet | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. stroll, march,
walk | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. fantastic,
acceptable, great | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. gorgeous,
beautiful, cute | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. chip, break,
shatter | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. sob, weep,
sniffle | _____ | _____ | _____ |

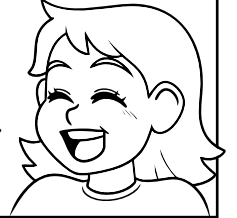
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