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Shades of Meaning: Intensity



Read each set of words. Write the words in order from least intense to most intense along the scale. Then explain how you chose the order.

1. heartbroken, gloomy, devastated, sorrowful

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____
least sad *saddest*



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3. pleased, ecstatic, content, delighted

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____
least happy *happiest*

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4. restless, energetic, active, crazed

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____
least energy *most energy*



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6. nice, compassionate, friendly, caring

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____
least kind *kindest*

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Explanations will vary. Accept variations in word order if the explanation
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