

# Gradations of Meaning

**DIRECTIONS:** Use a thesaurus to find a synonym that is slightly more intense and a synonym that is slightly less intense than each word. Write your words on the lines provided.



**More Intense**



**Less Intense**

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| 1.  | _____ | gentle       | _____ |
| 2.  | _____ | cold         | _____ |
| 3.  | _____ | affectionate | _____ |
| 4.  | _____ | concise      | _____ |
| 5.  | _____ | against      | _____ |
| 6.  | _____ | aware        | _____ |
| 7.  | _____ | accept       | _____ |
| 8.  | _____ | eat          | _____ |
| 9.  | _____ | make         | _____ |
| 10. | _____ | wet          | _____ |