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1 enormous small tiny	<u>tiny</u> <u>small</u> <u>big</u> <u>enormous</u> <u>The pin made a tiny hole in my shirt.</u>
2 alert drowsy energized	<u>exhausted</u> _____ _____ _____
3 clean dirty spotless	_____ _____ _____ <u>filthy</u>
4 funny grim hilarious	_____ <u>serious</u> _____ _____
5 grandparent newborn teen	_____ _____ <u>adult</u> _____
6 mumble shout speak	_____ _____ _____ <u>whisper</u>
7 dab scour wipe	_____ <u>scrub</u> _____ _____
8 impolite kind mean	<u>cruel</u> _____ _____ _____
9 huge large microscopic	_____ <u>little</u> _____ _____
10 antique modern outdated	_____ _____ _____ <u>ancient</u>

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1 bright dark glaring	<u>dark</u> <u>dim</u> <u>bright</u> <u>glaring</u> <i>The petrified actor stood frozen in the glaring spotlight.</i>
2 abundant limited sufficient	<u>nonexistent</u> _____ _____ _____ _____
3 beaming grimacing pouting	_____ <u>smiling</u> _____ _____ _____
4 flow drip trickle	_____ _____ _____ <u>gush</u> _____
5 jog sprint stand	_____ _____ <u>walk</u> _____ _____
6 easy grueling tricky	_____ _____ <u>challenging</u> _____ _____
7 tasty unappetizing scrumptious	_____ <u>bland</u> _____ _____ _____
8 bad mediocre fabulous	_____ _____ _____ <u>atrocious</u> _____
9 bizarre common offbeat	_____ <u>peculiar</u> _____ _____ _____
10 balmy cool sweltering	<u>freezing</u> _____ _____ _____ _____

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Read the sentences below. Choose the two words that best complete the sentence. Then, write your own sentence using the remaining word.

1 bright dark glaring	Although trekking across the desert dunes may be <u>easy</u> for a camel, it would be a <u>grueling</u> experience for us. <u>Tying your shoes while wearing mittens can be tricky.</u>
2 alert drowsy exhausted	After a long day at the beach, I started to feel a bit _____ on the car ride home. In contrast, my sister was _____ and chatty. _____
3 worried confident panicked	At first he felt _____ about taking the test. However when he finished, he was _____ that he had done well. _____
4 fearless terrified uneasy	Usually I am _____ when it comes to rock climbing, but the height of the rock wall made me slightly _____. _____
5 irritated furious happy	She was _____ when her neighbor's dogs barked during the day, but she became _____ when they kept her awake at night. _____
6 stride dawdle dash	If you _____ to the bus stop, you'll eventually need to _____ to catch the bus. _____
7 scrumptious unappetizing bland	One simple recipe for chicken soup was too _____, but another included too many spices and looked completely _____. _____
8 bad fabulous mediocre	She was just a _____ trumpet player until her new music teacher inspired her to become _____ by practicing every day. _____
9 noisy quiet thunderous	We thought a trip to the mountains would be a _____ retreat from the city, but birds and animals can be as _____ as cars and people. _____
10 frequently never rarely	She _____ visits the new restaurant in town because she loves the food, but she _____ sees the chef because he stays in the kitchen. _____

★ Choose one set of words (e.g., dawdle, stride, dash) to act out. Have a partner try to guess the words.

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1 always never rarely	Jorge loves soccer and <u>always</u> brings his ball to school, but he is so shy that he only <u>rarely</u> asks anyone to play with him. <u>Linda wants to do well in school, so she never forgets her homework.</u>
2 gushes flows drips	When there is a knot in the hose, water just _____ out. Normally, water _____ out of the hose in a steady stream. _____
3 careless fastidious attentive	I made several _____ errors on my spelling quiz last week, so I resolved to be more _____ when I take the quiz this week. _____
4 happy annoyed livid	Alysha felt merely _____ when her sister borrowed her clothes, but she was _____ when her sister spilled paint on her favorite dress. _____
5 cold tepid boiling	After my brother took a long shower, the water was only _____ when it was my turn. It soon became completely _____. _____
6 spotless clean filthy	He washed his _____ football uniform twice, but a few stains remained even though it was basically _____. _____
7 discouraged fearful content	Jasmine felt _____ when she broke her wrist before the basketball tournament. She had to be _____ with watching from the bench. _____
8 hot warm frigid	Plants and animals that thrive in the _____ temperatures of the Mojave Desert could never survive in the _____ climate of the Arctic. _____
9 modern antique ancient	_____ technology allows us to communicate in ways that _____ civilizations could never have imagined. _____
10 drenched damp dry	I was _____ after waiting for the bus in the rain. My clothes were still _____ at the end of the day. _____

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