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weakest _____

strongest _____

5. gloomy dreary bleak sad

weakest _____

strongest _____

2. dark overcast cloudy dim

weakest _____

strongest _____

6. snowy stormy blizzard flurry

weakest _____

strongest _____

3. gusty breezy windy biting

weakest _____

strongest _____

7. soaked damp wet soggy

weakest _____

strongest _____

4. silent hushed quiet calm

weakest _____

strongest _____

8. whirling floating blowing drifting

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 _____ **nippy** _____
 _____ **cold** _____
 strongest _____ **frozen** _____

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weakest _____ **sad** _____
 _____ **gloomy** _____
 _____ **dreary** _____
 strongest _____ **bleak** _____

2. dark overcast cloudy dim

weakest _____ **cloudy** _____
 _____ **overcast** _____
 _____ **dim** _____
 strongest _____ **dark** _____

6. snowy stormy blizzard flurry

weakest _____ **flurry** _____
 _____ **snowy** _____
 _____ **stormy** _____
 strongest _____ **blizzardy** _____

3. gusty breezy windy biting

weakest _____ **breezy** _____
 _____ **windy** _____
 _____ **gusty** _____
 strongest _____ **biting** _____

7. soaked damp wet soggy

weakest _____ **damp** _____
 _____ **wet** _____
 _____ **soggy** _____
 strongest _____ **soaked** _____

4. silent hushed quiet calm

weakest _____ **calm** _____
 _____ **quiet** _____
 _____ **hushed** _____
 strongest _____ **silent** _____

8. whirling floating blowing drifting

weakest _____ **floating** _____
 _____ **drifting** _____
 _____ **blowing** _____
 strongest _____ **whirling** _____