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Degrees of Meaning

DIRECTIONS: For each pair of words below, determine which word conveys an idea that is bigger, stronger, or more intense than the other. Circle the more intense word.

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| 1. | hesitant | cautious | 11. | sympathize | empathize |
| 2. | metamorphosis | change | 12. | covered | draped |
| 3. | fly | soar | 13. | hostile | unfriendly |
| 4. | abundant | enough | 14. | breakable | fragile |
| 5. | sob | cry | 15. | culture | tradition |
| 6. | speak | call out | 16. | talk | communicate |
| 7. | recall | relive | 17. | generous | giving |
| 8. | thrive | grow | 18. | eventually | finally |
| 9. | know | understand | 19. | capture | catch |
| 10. | listen | hear | 20. | convince | coerce |

