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**Actual student's answers will vary. Examples of correct answers:**

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terrified	state	huge
_____	_____	_____
anxious	declare	gigantic
_____	_____	_____
frightened	demand	enormous
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
<b>Happy</b>	<b>Strange</b>	<b>Quiet</b>
thrilled	odd	silent
_____	_____	_____
joyful	weird	hushed
_____	_____	_____
content	unusual	still
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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