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## Better Word Builder Answer Key

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| 1. gigantic | 6. sparkling |
| 2. cozy     | 7. deafening |
| 3. thrilled | 8. narrow    |
| 4. crept    | 9. endless   |
| 5. boiling  | 10. fierce   |

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:** Choosing a **stronger, more precise word** to make sentences clearer and more interesting. This supports vocabulary growth and improves descriptive writing.
- Before students start:
  - Read the sentences aloud and briefly review new words such as **gigantic**, **thrilled**, **sparkling**, **deafening**, **endless**, and **fierce** using quick, kid-friendly explanations.
  - Point out that both words can often fit, but one is a **better word** because it gives a stronger picture in the reader's mind.
- Differentiation tips:
  - For students who need extra support, talk through 2 or 3 items together, underlining clue words in the sentence (for example: "tops of the trees" supports **gigantic**).
  - Allow some students to use a vocabulary notebook where they can draw a simple picture next to new words.
  - Let emergent writers simply circle the better word, while more confident writers also copy the whole improved sentence on a separate sheet.