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## Power Ladder Answer Key

### 1. Angry Ladder

1. annoyed
2. irritated
3. mad
4. furious

### 2. Cold Ladder

1. cool
2. chilly
3. icy
4. freezing

### 3. Happy Ladder

1. content

2. pleased
3. joyful
4. thrilled

### 4. Tired Ladder

1. sleepy
2. drowsy
3. worn out
4. exhausted

### 5. Fast Ladder

1. quick
2. speedy
3. rapid
4. lightning fast

## Teacher's Guide

- This activity teaches students how **synonym intensity** changes meaning in important ways.
- For differentiation:
  - Provide example sentences for each word for students who need clarity.
  - Challenge advanced students to justify their ordering using written explanations.
- For engagement:
  - Turn each ladder into a discussion prompt and let groups debate their choices.
  - Have students act out movement words like fast and tired at different intensity levels.
- For extension:
  - Ask students to build their own synonym ladders using a thesaurus.
  - Have students rewrite one sentence four times using each word from a ladder to show how meaning changes.