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## Sharper Sentences Answer Key

Sample strong responses may vary.

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| 1. exhausted     | 5. chaotic    |
| 2. powerful      | 6. overloaded |
| 3. sprinted      | 7. anxious    |
| 4. heartbreaking | 8. severe     |

### Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet helps students move from **general language** to **precise vocabulary** for stronger writing.
- For differentiation:
  - Provide a small synonym list for students who struggle with word choice.
  - Allow advanced students to supply two possible precise replacements and defend both.
- For engagement:
  - Let students share their strongest replacements and vote on the most powerful word choices.
  - Use peer discussion for students to compare their explanations.
- For extension:
  - Have students rewrite a short paragraph by replacing at least four vague words.
  - Ask students to highlight vague words in their own writing and revise them using a thesaurus.