Descriptive Writing Cloze Passage

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Read the passage below carefully. Fill in each blank with an appropriate descriptive word (adjective or adverb) that creates a vivid image for the reader. Think about the mood and setting of the story.

The Storm

The _____ clouds rolled across the sky like a _____ blanket, blocking out the sun. Sarah stood at the window, watching the _____ trees bend and sway in the _____ wind. The first drops of rain began to fall, _____ at first, then becoming _____ and more persistent.

Thunder rumbled _____ in the distance, a _____ warning of what was to come. Lightning flashed, illuminating the _____ landscape for a _____ moment. The house felt _____ and secure, but Sarah could hear the _____ howl of the wind as it rushed past the windows.

In the garden, her mother's _____ roses struggled against the elements, their _____ petals scattering across the _____ lawn. A _____ crash made Sarah jump as a branch fell from the _____ oak tree at the edge of the property.

As quickly as it had arrived, the storm began to pass. The rain became _____, the wind _____, and the clouds started to break apart. A _____ ray of sunlight pierced through, casting a _____ glow over everything. The world looked _____ and renewed, washed clean by nature's _____ display.

Word Bank (optional hints): dark, thick, gentle, fierce, towering, delicate, wet, peaceful, sudden, golden, fresh, powerful, cosy, eerie, menacing, brief, enormous, softer, lighter, steady