

Name _____

Same Word, New Shades Answer Key

Sample Chart (answers may vary but must be reasonable):

Word	Denotation	Connotation 1	Connotation 2
Cheap	Low in cost	Affordable (positive)	Poor quality (negative)
Childlike	Having qualities of a child	Innocent, full of wonder (positive)	Naïve, lacking maturity (negative)
Confident	Feeling sure of oneself	Self-assured, capable (positive)	Arrogant, cocky (negative)
Unique	One of a kind	Special, extraordinary (positive)	Weird, odd (negative)
Home	A place where one lives	Warm, welcoming (positive)	Just a dwelling/structure (neutral)

Sample Reflection (student model):

Word: *Cheap*

- Positive: "The store sold **cheap** snacks that everyone could afford."
- Negative: "The toy broke right away because it was made from **cheap** plastic."

Teacher Notes / Guide:

- Students should recognize that connotation is **context-dependent**. The same word may shift meaning depending on tone, audience, or situation.
- Accept flexible answers if reasoning is clear and context is correct.