



Connotation in Context

Words may share similar dictionary meanings (**denotations**), but their **connotations**, the feelings they carry, can make them very different in tone.

Directions: For each sentence below, choose the synonym that best matches the **intended connotation** of the underlined word. Circle the letter of your choice.

1. She was admired for her **slim** figure.
a) Skinny
b) Scrawny
c) Slender
d) Gaunt
2. He acted so **confident** during the interview.
a) Arrogant
b) Bold
c) Conceited
d) Pompous
3. My aunt is very **economical** when she shops.
a) Thrifty
b) Cheap
c) Stingy
d) Miserly
4. The little boy seemed **childlike** as he stared at the fireworks.
a) Childish
b) Immature
c) Innocent
d) Silly
5. Their **home** always feels so welcoming.
a) Shack
b) Apartment
c) Dwelling
d) House
6. The explorer was known for being **courageous**.
a) Reckless
b) Fearless
c) Foolhardy
d) Daring (with carelessness)
7. She asked a lot of questions because she was truly **curious**.
a) Inquisitive
b) Nosy
c) Intrusive
d) Meddling
8. The unusual painting was described as **unique**.
a) Odd
b) Weird
c) Strange
d) Special