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## Connotation Makeover

Words with the same denotation can change the *feeling* of a sentence depending on their **connotation**. By carefully selecting words, writers can make language sound more positive, negative, or emotionally powerful.

**Directions:** Below are neutral sentences. Rewrite each one by replacing the underlined word with a synonym that has a **stronger connotation** (positive or negative). Be sure your new sentence keeps the same basic meaning, but changes the emotional tone.

1. The dog is thin.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

2. She wore a dress to the party.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

3. He walked into the room in a very calm way.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

4. They live in a small house near the beach.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The movie was different from what we expected.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

6. The teacher said the student was talkative.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

7. He bought an old car from his neighbor.

New: \_\_\_\_\_

8. She looked at the gift with a smile.

New: \_\_\_\_\_