

Name _____

Connotation Tone Answer Key

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| 1. positive | 6. negative |
| 2. negative | 7. positive |
| 3. positive | 8. negative |
| 4. negative | 9. negative |
| 5. positive | 10. neutral |

(Teacher note: Depending on context, number 10 may lean slightly positive or negative, but for standard vocabulary instruction it is commonly treated as neutral.)

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Review the difference between **denotation** and **connotation** and explain how connotation adds emotional tone.
 - Model one example by explaining how two words with similar meanings can feel different to a reader.
 - Encourage students to think about how the word sounds in real life situations.
 - Allow students to justify answers if they can support them with logical reasoning.
- **Differentiation tips**
 - Provide simple picture cues for English learners to illustrate positive, negative, or neutral tone.
 - Let students work in pairs and discuss each word before writing answers.
 - Give advanced learners a challenge to rewrite each word with an opposite connotation.
 - Offer a word bank sorted by tone for students who need more structure.