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Connotation And Tone Answer Key

1. **clever**: positive. It creates an approving and impressed tone.
2. **careless**: negative. It creates a critical and disapproving tone.
3. **additional**: neutral. It creates an informative and factual tone.
4. **passionate**: positive. It creates an energetic and inspiring tone.
5. **chaotic**: negative. It creates a stressful and overwhelming tone.
6. **simple**: neutral. It creates a clear and straightforward tone.
7. **biased**: negative. It creates a doubtful and critical tone.

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Review the difference between **denotation** and **connotation** before students begin.
 - Model one example by thinking aloud about how the word makes the sentence feel.
- **Differentiation**
 - Support: Allow students to discuss connotation verbally before writing.
 - Challenge: Require students to explain how the tone would change for a specific audience.
- **Engagement**
 - Read sentences aloud using different voice tones and ask students to match the connotation.
 - Let students vote on borderline cases and defend their choices with evidence.
- **Extension**
 - Students revise a short paragraph by swapping words to change tone intentionally.
 - Have students collect words from independent reading and label their connotations with explanations.