

Name _____

Tone Twin Sorters Answer Key

Word Group One

- Positive: slim
- Neutral: skinny
- Negative: scrawny

Word Group Two

- Positive: confident
- Neutral: sure
- Negative: bossy

Word Group Three

- Positive: ancient

- Neutral: old
- Negative: wrinkled

Word Group Four

- Positive: curious
- Neutral: interested
- Negative: nosy

Word Group Five

- Positive: thrifty
- Neutral: careful
- Negative: cheap

Teacher's Guide

- This activity builds awareness of how **tone** affects meaning even when words are synonyms.
- For differentiation:
 - Provide sentence examples for each word to help students hear tone in context.
 - Allow advanced students to defend their tone choices using written explanations.
- For engagement:
 - Let students debate close choices as a class and vote on the best tone placement.
 - Have partners act out positive and negative tone examples.
- For extension:
 - Ask students to create their own tone-trio of synonyms.
 - Challenge students to rewrite a sentence three times using positive, neutral, and negative tone words.