

Connotation and Denotation

DIRECTIONS: Choose the word whose precise meaning works best to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary if you need help.

mood	tone	connotation
denotation	neutral	important
positive	synonyms	negative

1. _____ is a word's dictionary definition.
2. _____ refers to the ideas or feelings associated with a word..
3. Words can have _____, _____, or _____ connotations.
4. It is _____ to understand both the connotation and denotation of a word before you use it.
5. Authors often choose words for their _____.
6. The connotation of a word can contribute to the overall _____ and _____ of a text.
7. It is useful to compare how _____ are used so you can see which are positive, negative or neutral.

