



Invective

An invective is language intended to insult or offend. Invective is also communicated through tone and is typically accompanied by negative emotion. There are two types of invective. High invective uses formal, creative language. Low invective features rude and offensive imagery. Invective can be found in literature, speeches, and everyday, real life conversation. The purpose of invective is to arouse negative emotions, both in the reader or audience and in the individual at whom the invective is aimed.

Put a check mark next to each sentence that is an invective.

- _____ 1. You cowardly, good-for-nothing failure!
- _____ 2. There is room for improvement in your performance.
- _____ 3. What's up, shorty?
- _____ 4. You are such an idiot.
- _____ 5. On two occasions, you have let me down.
- _____ 6. What are you, a scaredy cat?
- _____ 7. What a fool that man is.
- _____ 8. You wouldn't know a poem if it bit you.