

Positive and Negative Connotation #2

Some words have similar meanings but different connotations. A word's **connotation** is the **emotion** that goes along with a word in addition to its meaning.



Directions: Each sentence has a pair of words with different connotations. Circle the word with the more **positive** connotation.

1. Can you believe how many customers were drawn in by the **stench** / **aroma** coming from the new bakery?
2. Although Kailyn is normally quite **reserved** / **meek**, she was determined to voice her opinion in the student council meeting.
3. Mr. Kim's shop is **crammed** / **brimming** with authentic souvenirs that can't be found anywhere else on the island.
4. Everett, a **fanatical** / **devoted** football fan, dyed his hair to match his favorite team's uniform.
5. Because he's **fussy** / **mindful** about what he eats, Andre always chooses the restaurant for dinner.
6. Romina, our most **aggressive** / **dynamic** salesperson, won an all-inclusive trip to Hawaii as a result of her incredible work in July.
7. How did you **persuade** / **brainwash** your brother to let you borrow his entire collection of board games?
8. Emily visits thrift shops in hopes of finding **vintage** / **outdated** shoes at an affordable price.
9. Maria discovered an **abandoned** / **empty** warehouse that would be perfect for the new dance school she's opening.
10. Do you think the movie critic's **blunt** / **straightforward** review will convince people to skip this film?
11. After dinner, Yassin and Cohen enjoyed a **leisurely** / **sluggish** stroll around the duck pond.
12. Tilly's ability to always get her way has earned her a reputation for being **sly** / **clever**.
13. The manager at Hearthstone restaurant will **judge** / **evaluate** the interview candidate to determine whether they'll be a good fit for the open position.
14. As they held their trophies, the players admitted that Coach Zander's **demanding** / **grueling** practices paid off in the end.
15. Valley City's streets were **bustling** / **swarming** with people who came from all over the state for the music festival.