

## Which Word Has the More Positive Connotation?

**Connotation** is the feeling or idea that goes along with a word or phrase. Some words are close in meaning but have different connotations.

For example, the words **search** and **snoop** both have to do with looking for something. However, they have different **connotations**.

***Search** has a more **positive connotation**.  
To **search** is to look carefully for something.*

***Snoop** has a more **negative connotation**.  
To **snoop** is to look into something private.*



**Directions: Read each set of words. Circle the word with the more positive connotation.**

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| 1.  | <b>different</b> | strange            |
| 2.  | <b>relaxed</b>   | lazy               |
| 3.  | small            | <b>cozy</b>        |
| 4.  | odor             | <b>smell</b>       |
| 5.  | hovering         | <b>standing</b>    |
| 6.  | <b>special</b>   | weird              |
| 7.  | <b>clever</b>    | sneaky             |
| 8.  | impatient        | <b>eager</b>       |
| 9.  | old              | <b>traditional</b> |
| 10. | <b>an animal</b> | a beast            |