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# 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 Emily visits thrift shops in hopes of finding **vintage / outdated** shoes at an affordable price.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.