

Connotative Words

Examples of how words with similar meanings can have positive, neutral or negative connotations (feelings).

Positive Connotation	Neutral Connotation	Negative Connotation
Interesting	Questioning	Nosy
Employ	Use	Exploit
Thrifty	Saving	Stingy
Steadfast	Tenacious	Stubborn
Sated	Filled	Crammed
Courageous	Confident	Conceited
Unique	Different	Peculiar
Meticulous	Selective	Picky
Vintage	Old	Decrepit
Elated	Happy	Manic
Childlike	Young	Childish
Easygoing	Relaxed	Lackadaisical
Slim	Thin	Skinny
Innocent	Adolescent	Immature
Inquisitive	Interested	Prying
Confident	Secure	Egotistical
Chatty	Conversational	Jabbering

Connotation Exercise

Read the sentences below. Can you identify the words that have a negative connotation?

1. Bedford is a gritty neighborhood, but the rents are low.
2. On my flight to Los Angeles, I sat next to this babe. She was absolutely stunning.
3. Every morning my neighbor takes his mutt to the park. It always barks loudly when leaving the building.
4. You need to be pushy when you are looking for a job.
5. Bob is bullheaded sometimes, but he always gets the job done.

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