

Word Feelings: Connotation

6th Grade • ELA

Level 2 • On Grade: choose the word with the right connotation

Name _____

Date _____

Example

The tour guide wanted the trail to sound fun, so she called it (**adventurous** / dangerous).
Adventurous carries a positive feeling that matches her purpose. Mark it +.

Circle the word that best fits the writer's purpose. Then mark its connotation: + positive, 0 neutral, or – negative.

1. The bakery sign bragged about the _____ of fresh pumpkin bread.
(**aroma** / odor) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
2. The coach praised Ava for being _____ as she kept practicing.
(**stubborn** / **determined**) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
3. To make the tiny cabin sound appealing, the ad called it _____.
(**cozy** / cramped) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
4. Annoyed by all the questions, Jay called his little brother _____.
(**inquisitive** / nosy) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
5. The hotel review warned that the furniture was _____.
(**outdated** / vintage) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
6. The villain in the story gave the hero a _____ grin.
(**beaming** / sneering) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
7. The festival flyer promised a _____ crowd of happy visitors.
(**lively** / rowdy) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
8. The neighbor complained about the _____ music at midnight.
(**blaring** / cheerful) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
9. To stay fair, the news report said the town council _____ the plan.
(**rejected** / trashed) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –
10. The science report said the gas had a strong _____.
(odor / **fragrance**) ☐ + ☐ 0 ☐ –



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Level 2 • Answer Key

1. **aroma** (+ positive)
2. **determined** (+ positive)
3. **cozy** (+ positive)
4. **nosy** (– negative)
5. **outdated** (– negative)
6. **sneering** (– negative)
7. **lively** (+ positive)
8. **blaring** (– negative)
9. **rejected** (0 neutral)
10. **odor** (0 neutral)

Talk it over: in #9 and #10 the writer wants to be neutral, so the word with the least feeling is the best choice.





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