

Connotation and Word Choice

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Instructions

Answer every question. Write your answer on the line. 10 questions in total.

Practice

1. 'Slender' and 'skinny' both describe someone thin, but which one has more positive connotations?

2. 'House' and 'home' both mean where someone lives, but which word carries warmer, more emotional connotations?

3. Both words describe someone who won't change their mind. Which has more negative connotations: 'stubborn' or 'determined'?

4. Replace 'group' with a word carrying negative, threatening connotations for a crowd of angry protesters: 'A ____ of protesters gathered outside.'

5. Both words describe someone careful with money. Which is loaded with negative judgement: 'thrifty' or 'stingy'?

6. Replace 'walked' with a word carrying connotations of sadness or defeat: 'She ____ out of the exam hall.'

7. Which word has more positive connotations: 'crowd' or 'gathering'?

8. A journalist calls a change in policy a 'U-turn' rather than an 'adjustment'. Does 'U-turn' carry a positive or negative connotation here?

9. 'Chatty' and 'nosy' both describe someone interested in others, but which has more negative connotations?

10. 'Childish' and 'youthful' both relate to being young, but which word carries a more negative judgement?
