

CONNOTATION & TONE

PART A: POSITIVE, NEGATIVE, OR NEUTRAL?

Directions: Words with similar meanings can have different connotations (feelings or associations). Analyze how word choice affects meaning and tone. Put a check mark under positive, negative, or neutral to label each word's connotation. The first one is done for you.



Word	Positive	Negative	Neutral
radiant	✓		
vibrant			
ominous			
triumphantly			
gloat			
cunning			
exile			

PART B: WHY DOES CONNOTATION MATTER?

Directions: Compare these pairs and explain how the word choice changes the feeling.

1. "She smiled triumphantly" vs. "She smiled proudly"

How does "triumphantly" change the meaning? _____

2. "A cunning plan" vs. "A clever plan"

How does "cunning" change the meaning? _____

3. "An ominous shadow" vs. "A dark shadow"

How does "ominous" change the meaning? _____

Prefixes

The prefix “ex-” means “out” or “away from.” We see it in the word “exile.”

Directions: Find or create other “ex-” words and explain their meanings.

1. exit = _____
2. exhale = _____
3. export = _____
4. extract = _____
5. ex_____ = _____

How does the “ex-” prefix help you understand the meaning of “exile”?

