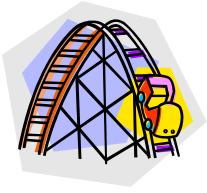


Connotation Quiz Practice

Which word in each pair below has the more favorable connotation to you? Circle your answer.



- Thrifty - penny-pinching
- Pushy - aggressive
- Politician - statesman
- Chef - cook
- Slender - skinny

Which connotation is more positive? Rewrite the sentence as a response frame on a separate piece of paper.

1. Our trip to the amusement park was _____.

- a) fine
- b) wonderful

2. _____ people rode on the roller coaster.

- a) Brave
- b) Foolhardy

3. We saw _____ animals in the animal house.

- a) fascinating
- b) weird

4. Some of the monkeys made _____ faces.

- a) hilarious
- b) amusing

5. Everyone had a _____ on his or her face on the way home.

- a) smile
- b) smirk

Which connotation is more negative?

6. We bought _____ souvenirs at the amusement park.

- a) cheap
- b) inexpensive

7. I ate a _____ sandwich.

- a) soggy
- b) moist

8. Mike _____ us to go to the funny house.

- a) nagged
- b) reminded

9. I didn't like the _____ on the jester's face.

- a) smirk
- b) grin

10. It made me feel _____.

- a) uneasy
- b) frightened

Which is the best answer? Circle your choice.

11. Which is worth more?

- a) something old
- b) something antique

12. Which is better?

- a) to be skinny
- b) to be slender

13. Which would you rather be called?

- a) thrifty
- b) cheap

14. Which would a vain person be more likely to do?

- a) stroll
- b) parade

15. Which is more serious?

- a) problem
- b) disaster

16. Which is more polite?

- a) sip a drink
- b) gulp it

17. Which would you be if you hadn't eaten for several days?

- a) hungry
- b) starving

18. Which would you be after a walk in the mud?

- a) filthy
- b) dirty

Answer the following question: **Why is it important to understand the connotation of a word before you use it?** Explain your answer, and then give an example of a *possible* scenario that could arise if someone does not understand about connotation.