



## Nuances in Word Meanings

### Today's Standard

11-12.L.5b - Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

Cues	Notes
What is denotation?	Denotation refers to the literal meaning of a word.
What is connotation?	Connotation refers to the emotional or cultural associations with a word.
Why are nuances in word meanings important?	Nuances in word meanings can change the interpretation of a text.
How can word choice affect tone?	Word choice can affect the tone, clarity, and impact of a sentence.
Examples of nuanced word meanings	Examples include 'slim' vs. 'skinny', 'house' vs. 'home', 'assertive' vs. 'aggressive'.

### Summary

Understanding the nuances in word meanings helps students analyze texts more deeply and communicate more effectively by choosing words that convey the precise intended meaning.