



## Analyzing Word Choices

### Today's Standard

11-12.RL.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.)

Cues	Notes
Figurative Language	Figurative language includes metaphors, similes, and personification.
Connotative Meaning	Connotative meanings are the emotions or associations a word carries beyond its literal meaning.
Context Clues	Context clues help determine the meaning of a word based on the surrounding text.
Multiple Meanings	
Tone	Many words have multiple meanings that change depending on context.  Tone is the author's attitude toward the subject, conveyed through word choice.

### Summary

Understanding the nuanced meanings of words and phrases in literature involves analyzing figurative language, connotative meanings, and context. This analysis helps students appreciate the impact of word choices on tone and overall meaning.