



Understanding Word Connotations

Today's Standard

6.L.5c - Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty).

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| What is a connotation? | Connotation refers to the associations and emotional meanings we attach to a word. |
| How do connotations differ from denotations? | Denotations are the literal dictionary definitions of words, whereas connotations are the additional meanings and feelings associated with them. |
| Why are connotations important? | Understanding connotations helps in effective communication and literary analysis by conveying specific tones and emotions. |
| Can connotations change based on context? | Yes, connotations can be neutral, positive, or negative depending on the context in which a word is used. |
| Examples of words with different connotations. | Examples: 'Stingy' vs. 'Thrifty' – both mean careful with money, but 'stingy' has a negative connotation while 'thrifty' has a positive one. |

Summary

Connotations are the emotional and associative meanings of words, distinct from their literal definitions. Understanding and using connotations helps in effective communication and literary analysis.