



## 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, un wasteful, thrifty).

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing character descriptions in literature to understand their traits.; Interpreting advertisements to determine the underlying message.; Writing persuasive essays with precise word choice.; Engaging in debates and discussions to convey nuanced meanings.

### Today I Learned

Today we learned about connotations. Connotations are the feelings or ideas that words make us think of. For example, 'stingy' and 'thrifty' both mean careful with money, but 'stingy' feels negative and 'thrifty' feels positive.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think that words with similar meanings always have the same feelings attached to them. Others might think that words can only have good or bad feelings. But words can have different feelings depending on how they are used.

### Quiz Me

- What is a connotation?
- Can two words have the same meaning but different feelings?
- Give an example of a word with a positive feeling.
- Give an example of a word with a negative feeling.
- Can a word's feeling change depending on how it's used?

### Help Me

Connotations are the feelings or ideas that words make us think of. For example, in an ad, the word 'luxurious' makes us think of something fancy and expensive. Understanding connotations helps us know exactly what people mean and how they feel about something.

