

Connotation/ Denotation Negative and Positive Meanings

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

A. Fill in the word that has the more positive connotation.

1. Our trip to the amusement park was _____. (fine, wonderful)
2. _____ people rode on the roller coaster. (Brave, Foolhardy)
3. We saw a _____ animal at the zoo. (fascinating, weird)
4. Some of the monkeys made _____ faces. (hilarious, amusing)
5. Everyone had a _____ on their faces. (smile, smirk)

B. Fill in the word that has the more negative connotation.

6. We bought _____ furniture. (cheap, inexpensive)
7. That sandwich was awful, it was _____. (soggy, moist)
8. Mike _____ us to go to the mall. (reminded, nagged)
9. The fun house was _____. (idiotic, silly).
10. I didn't like the _____ on the clown's face. (smirk, grin)
11. It made me feel _____. (uneasy, frightened).

C. Answer the following questions.

12. Which is worth more, something **old** or something **antique**? _____
13. Is it better to be **slender** or **skinny**? _____
14. Which would you rather be called, **cheap** or **thrifty**? _____
15. Would a vain people be more likely to **stroll** or **parade**? _____
16. Which is more serious, a **problem** or a **disaster**? _____
17. Is it more polite to **sip** or **gulp** a drink? _____
18. If you haven't eaten for days, would you be **hungry** or **starving**? _____
19. After walking in mud, would your shoes be **dirty** or **filthy**. _____

Select the description that has a more negative connotation.



The _____ detective was able to solve the crime.

tricky clever



It was hard to ignore the baby's _____ screams.

loud piercing



Jill wore a / an _____ dress to the party.

ancient vintage



Mark swept the _____ floor clean.

filthy dirty



Flossy was an _____ but friendly cow.

obese overweight