Likes & dislikes

Decide if the words and phrases in bold in these sentences have a *positive connotation* (for example, they tell us that somebody likes or wants something) or a *negative connotation* (for example, they tell us that someone dislikes something). Underline the correct answer.

1. The idea of travelling around the world really **appeals to** me. *Positive / Negative*
2. Research suggests that shoppers are **attracted to** brightly-lit, colourful displays. *Positive / Negative*
3. I like him, but unfortunately he **can't stand** me. *Positive / Negative*
4. I can never understand why people are so **captivated by** royal weddings. *Positive / Negative*
5. A lot of people **detest** seafood, and some are even allergic to it. *Positive / Negative*
6. Bigoted people **disgust** me with their small-minded attitudes. *Positive / Negative*
7. He's a very punctual person, and **dreads** being late for anything. *Positive / Negative*
8. My brother **fancies** spending some time working abroad. *Positive / Negative*
9. I'm **fascinated by** new technology, and spend a lot of money on the latest electronic gadgets. *Positive / Negative*
10. She's **fond of** classical music, and would like to be a classical pianist. *Positive / Negative*
11. A lot of people are **keen on** football, but it doesn't interest me. *Positive / Negative*
12. We were cold and wet, and **longed for** a hot drink. *Positive / Negative*
13. I don't like early morning starts, and absolutely **loathe** having to get out of bed early. *Positive / Negative*
14. I always **look forward to** my English lessons. *Positive / Negative*
15. I'm **passionate about** flying, but rarely get the chance to go anywhere by plane. *Positive / Negative*
16. She's a vegetarian, and the thought of eating meat **repels** her. *Positive / Negative*
17. Supermarkets know that customers who come in for essential items like milk and bread are often **tempted by** special offers on other products. *Positive / Negative*
18. We had been working very hard, and were **yearning for** a holiday. *Positive / Negative*

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