

Denotation/Connotation Practice

Directions: Choose the most effective word or phrase within the context suggested by the sentence(s).

1. Marvin, a(n) (blank) English instructor, drives a rusted 1981 Nissan Stanza and lives on peanut butter and lettuce sandwiches.
 - a. impecunious
 - b. poor
 - c. flat broke

2. Not having a good sense of rhythm was a huge (blank) Larry had to overcome before signing up for piano lessons.
 - a. obstacle
 - b. stigma
 - c. aggravation

3. The sleepy Schnauzer did not seem (blank) when the hungry rat began to gnaw on the dog's squeaky hotdog.
 - a. bugged
 - b. disquieted
 - c. annoyed

4. Dan, a (blank) ten-year-old, blushed deeply when his pushy mother demanded he sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the July 4th picnic.
 - a. backward
 - b. cowardly
 - c. shy

5. The (blank) county commissioner accepted bribes from special interest groups in exchange for his vote.
 - a. corrupt
 - b. opprobrious
 - c. scuzzy