

The Shades of Meaning Gallery

Word Meaning, Connotation & Figurative Language

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. Which word has the most negative connotation?

- (A) Thin
- (B) Slender
- (C) Scrawny
- (D) Slim

2. What is tone?

- (A) The reader's feelings
- (B) The author's attitude toward the subject
- (C) The setting
- (D) The main idea

Read: Read two descriptions of the same dog. A: "The pup bounded across the lawn, ears flopping, tail wagging like a flag." B: "The mutt lunged across the yard, teeth bared, growling like distant thunder."

3. How does word choice create a different tone in each description? Support your answer with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(C) Scrawny	1 point
2	(B) The author's attitude toward the subject	1 point
3	R: Word choice creates a different tone in each description of the dog. A: Description A has a playful, happy tone, and Description B has a threatening tone. C: A uses "pup," "bounded," and "tail wagging like a flag," while B uses "mutt," "lunged," "teeth bared," and "growling like distant thunder." E: This shows that positive connotations and a cheerful simile make the dog seem friendly, while negative connotations and a stormy simile make the same dog seem dangerous.	3 points: Names both tones; Quotes words from A and B; Explains connotation/simile effects.