



Word Choice Detective: Two Reviews

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

My level: ☐ Explorer ☐ Investigator ☐ Legend

Mission: Two customers reviewed the same pizza restaurant on the same night, but you'd never know it! Highlight the loaded words in each review and explain how word choice creates each writer's tone.

Big question: How does word choice reveal an author's tone and point of view?

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Warm-up: Same fact, different feel

Describe the same thing two ways.

A loud party

An old car

Key vocabulary	
Loaded words	Words with strong positive or negative connotations.
Point of view	The writer's perspective or opinion.
Bias	A one-sided attitude.
Tone	The writer's attitude toward the subject.

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Box 1

Highlight loaded words

In the simulator: Highlight 3 positive sentences in Review 1 (■) and 3 negative sentences in Review 2 (■).

What did you notice?

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Box 2

Same fact

Both reviewers waited 20 minutes. How does word choice change that fact?

☐ "Worth it" makes the wait sound positive; "endless" makes it sound terrible ☐ One waited longer

☐ The fact is different in each

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Analyze the tone

Compare the tone of the two reviews.

Review 1 tone Start: "Review 1 has a..."

Review 2 tone Start: "In contrast, Review 2 has a..."

So what? Start: "This shows that readers should..."

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Legend: neutral review 🏆 Legend only

Write a NEUTRAL, objective review of Pizza Palace using facts only.



Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How does word choice reveal an author's tone and point of view?

Completion code:

Shown on the last screen of the simulator.