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Connotation

Complete each sentence below by inserting the word that has the more *positive* connotation.

1. Marla is a little too _____ to go to the mall alone.
(immature, young)
2. Kevin engaged in a political _____ with his friend.
(debate, argument)
3. Mr. Cravitz is a very _____ man. (egotistical, proud)
4. Mrs. Keller was very _____ when she told me to be on time for class. (pushy, assertive)
5. We poured _____ into the clay pots. (soil, dirt)
6. The baby was _____ yesterday afternoon. (fussy, whiny)

Complete each sentence below by inserting the word that has the more *negative* connotation.

7. Who lives in this _____ cottage? (quaint, old)
8. When it comes to money, Mrs. Dabner is very _____.
(thrifty, cheap)
9. Please get that _____ off my lawn. (puppy, mutt)
10. The _____ from the refrigerator made me sick.
(stench, fragrance)

ANSWER KEY

Connotation

Complete each sentence below by inserting the word that has the more *positive* connotation.

1. Marla is a little too **young** to go to the mall alone. (*immature*, **young**)
2. Kevin engaged in a political **debate** with his friend. (**debate**, *argument*)
3. Mr. Cravitz is a very **proud** man. (*egotistical*, **proud**)
4. Mrs. Keller was very **assertive** when she told me to be on time for class. (*pushy*, **assertive**)
5. We poured **soil** into the clay pots. (**soil**, *dirt*)
6. The baby was **fussy** yesterday afternoon. (**fussy**, *whiny*)

Complete each sentence below by inserting the word that has the more *negative* connotation.

7. Who lives in this **old** cottage? (*quaint*, **old**)
8. When it comes to money, Mrs. Dabner is very **cheap**. (*thrifty*, **cheap**)
9. Please get that **mutt** off my lawn. (*puppy*, **mutt**)
10. The **stench** from the refrigerator made me sick. (**stench**, *fragrance*)