

Lower Level Level - February 2027

Week 4: Vocabulary: Connotation, Denotation & Academic Words | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

connotation	Emotional or cultural associations a word carries
denotation	The literal dictionary definition
academic vocabulary	Tier 2 words used across many subject areas
figurative meaning	Non-literal meaning of a word or phrase
tone	The author's attitude toward the subject, shown through word choice
diction	An author's specific word choices
nuance	A subtle difference in meaning or expression
context	The circumstances surrounding a word that clarify its meaning
inference	A conclusion drawn from hints and evidence
etymology	The origin and history of a word

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between connotation and denotation? Give 2 examples.

2. How does word connotation affect the tone of a passage?

3. Why are academic vocabulary words important for school success?

4. Choose 3 emotion words (sad/sorrowful/devastated). How do their connotations differ?

5. How does context help you figure out the connotation of an unfamiliar word?
