

# Word Feeling Sort

Sort words by the feeling they give.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.6.5c** "Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty )."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## POSITIVE ASSOCIATION

This word has a positive association. It makes a person, action, or thing sound good or worthy.

slender: thin in an attractive way

## NEGATIVE ASSOCIATION

This word has a negative association. It makes a person, action, or thing sound bad or unpleasant.

scrawny: very thin in an unhealthy-looking way

## 1 SORT \_\_\_\_\_ 8 items

Part 1: Circle POSITIVE or NEGATIVE for each phrase; Part 2, PROVE IT: choose two items and explain which association helped you decide.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. thrifty shopper       | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 2. economical plan       | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 3. stingy neighbor       | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 4. persistent runner     | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 5. stubborn teammate     | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 6. nosy visitor          | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 7. inquisitive scientist | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |
| 8. modest winner         | <input type="radio"/> POSITIVE | <input type="radio"/> NEGATIVE |

## 2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Part 3: Write one new word with a POSITIVE association and one new word with a NEGATIVE association.

**POSITIVE** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**NEGATIVE** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### CHALLENGE

Write two words with similar definitions, one POSITIVE and one NEGATIVE. Then explain the different feeling each word gives.

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**PART 1 • SORT**

| # | ITEM                  | CATEGORY        | WHY                                                              |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | thrifty shopper       | <b>POSITIVE</b> | Thrifty suggests using money carefully and wisely.               |
| 2 | economical plan       | <b>POSITIVE</b> | Economical suggests saving resources or money wisely.            |
| 3 | stingy neighbor       | <b>NEGATIVE</b> | Stingy suggests being unwilling to share or spend.               |
| 4 | persistent runner     | <b>POSITIVE</b> | Persistent suggests continuing with effort.                      |
| 5 | stubborn teammate     | <b>NEGATIVE</b> | Stubborn suggests refusing to change or listen.                  |
| 6 | nosy visitor          | <b>NEGATIVE</b> | Nosy suggests unwanted curiosity about others' private business. |
| 7 | inquisitive scientist | <b>POSITIVE</b> | Inquisitive suggests an eager, thoughtful desire to learn.       |
| 8 | modest winner         | <b>POSITIVE</b> | Modest suggests not bragging about success.                      |

**PART 2 • PROVE IT**

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

**PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)**

- **POSITIVE:** generous
- **NEGATIVE:** wasteful

**Challenge:** Confident is POSITIVE because it suggests belief in yourself. Arrogant is NEGATIVE because it suggests thinking you are better than others.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the positive or negative feeling and connect it to the word. For the challenge, accept accurate pairs with similar meanings and clearly different associations.