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Shades of Meaning – Using Connotations

Choose the best word to fit in the blanks. Think about the connotations that each word has.

perfume

smell

odour

stench

1. The _____ of the rose filled the whole house.
2. The _____ of the dead possum filled the whole house.

Explain why you picked these words.

throw

toss

pitch

fling

1. Suzie was in a temper, which made her _____ her school bag across the room.
2. “I want to practice, can you _____ the ball to me?” Peter asked.

Explain why you picked these words.

cheerful

happy

joyful

merry

1. The Vikings were very _____ as they were celebrating their return from a successful raid.
2. My friends and family were _____ at my baptism.

Explain why you picked these words.

shady

shifty

deceitful

treacherous

1. My neighbour was running a _____ business from his garage.
2. The superhero’s betrayal by his girlfriend was _____.
3. The teenager acted _____ when his mum asked where he’d been.

Explain why you picked these words.

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Tenderness

pain

agony

soreness

1. When I twisted my ankle at soccer, the _____ was pretty bad.
2. The tooth cavity was small, but it caused a bit of _____ when she bit down.
3. The bone splintered and stuck through my skin when I came off my bike. I was in _____.

Explain why you picked these words.

Gang

club

group

team

1. I'm worried that if he goes to live in the city, he might join a _____.
2. Let's get a _____ together so that we can compete in local netball games.
3. Jennie formed a secret _____ with her two best friends.
4. There's a _____ of pigeons that always hang around in the courtyard.

Explain why you picked these words.

Curious

interested

nosy

fascinated

1. I'm _____ about what's inside that little wooden box she always carries around.
2. I would be _____ to hear if you have any further ideas for the fundraiser.
3. The children were completely _____ by the magician's tricks.
4. My _____ neighbour always peeks out through the curtains.

Explain why you picked these words.