ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Connotation Examples Quiz: Positive and Negative Words

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1. Which word would you use to praise someone who is careful with money?
A) thrifty **B)** stingy **C)** mean **D)** tight

2. My uncle never pays for a round of drinks and always “forgets” his wallet. He’s so ___.
A) thrifty **B)** stingy
C) economical **D)** shrewd

3. Our science teacher loves ___ students who ask questions about everything.
A) prying **B)** nosy
C) inquisitive **D)** cunning

4. Celebrities build high walls to keep out ___ eyes.
A) youthful **B)** shrewd
C) childlike **D)** prying

5. Which sentence is a compliment for a 65-year-old?
A) She has a youthful face.
B) She has a childish face.
C) She has a cocky face.
D) She has a stingy face.

6. The old painter kept a ___ sense of wonder, but his ___ arguments with critics embarrassed his family.
A) childish ... childlike **B)** childlike ... childish
C) cocky ... youthful **D)** cunning ... childlike

7. The ___ of fresh bread drifted from the bakery.
A) stench **B)** odour **C)** aroma **D)** mob

8. This shampoo has a light ___ of lemon and mint.
A) stench **B)** mob
C) scheme **D)** fragrance

9. Which word is the strongest and most disgusting smell?
A) stench **B)** aroma
C) fragrance **D)** odour

10. A sign in the gym changing room: “Please shower to avoid body ___.”
A) aroma **B)** odour
C) fragrance **D)** stench

11. The university is ___ for its medical school, and students come from all over the world to study there.
A) stingy **B)** prying
C) renowned **D)** cocky

12. The interviewer liked her: she was calm, ___ and never boastful.
A) cocky **B)** cunning
C) childish **D)** self-assured

13. After one goal, the young striker got ___ and started showing off to the crowd.
A) cocky **B)** thrifty
C) inquisitive **D)** renowned

14. Admiring: “a ___ investor”. Critical: “a ___ liar”.
A) cunning ... shrewd **B)** shrewd ... cunning
C) youthful ... childlike **D)** renowned ... prying

15. In a British newspaper: “The council’s new recycling ___ starts today.” On the next page: “An angry ___ attacked the police van.”
A) mob ... scheme **B)** plot ... crowd
C) scheme ... mob **D)** scam ... gathering

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