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Word connotations
Practice

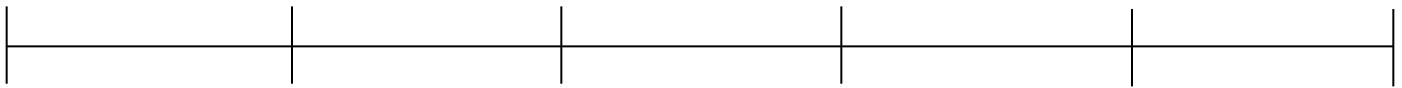
Directions: Place the following words on a scale from the most negative connotation to the most positive connotation.

You may need to use a dictionary if you are unfamiliar with a word.

1. curious, inquisitive, nosy, meddlesome, interested, intrusive

Most Negative

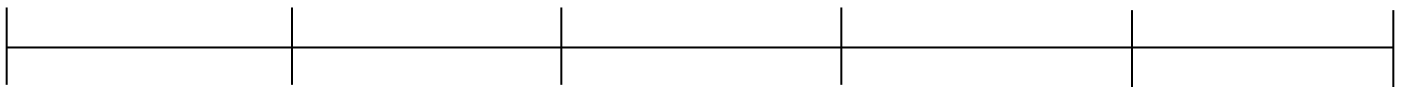
Most Positive



2. stolen, borrowed, taken, removed, being used by, embezzled

Most Negative

Most Positive



Directions: Read the following paragraph. For each word or phrase in **bold**, pick two other words or phrases that could mean roughly the same thing. One must have a more positive connotation, and one must have a more negative connotation.

Last weekend, I went to the movies with my two best friends. We saw **a group of classmates** in the lobby of the theater as we waited for the movie. The movie we saw was **good**. One of the actors was really funny and made us laugh a lot. After the movie was over, we went to eat at a **place** next to the theater. My friends and I talked about our upcoming science test. I thought it would be OK, but one of my friends **thought she might do poorly**. My friend's dad picked us up when we were finished.