

Need another word that means the same as “connotation”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “connotation” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Connotation” are: intension, overtone, undertone, undercurrent, implication, secondary meaning, nuance, flavour, feeling, aura, atmosphere, colouring, smack, hint, vein, echo, association, intimation, suggestion, suspicion, insinuation, meaning, understanding, construal, reading, explanation, inference, conclusion, supposition

Connotation as a Noun

Definitions of "Connotation" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “connotation” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *What you must know in order to determine the reference of an expression.*
- *The abstract meaning or intension of a term, which forms a principle determining which objects or concepts it applies to.*
- *An idea that is implied or suggested.*
- *An idea or feeling which a word invokes for a person in addition to its literal or primary meaning.*

Synonyms of "Connotation" as a noun (29 Words)

association	(often in names) a group of people organized for a joint purpose. <i>The host is not always injured by association with a parasite.</i>
atmosphere	The envelope of gases surrounding any celestial body. <i>There was great heat as the comet entered the atmosphere.</i>

<u>aura</u>	A distinctive but intangible quality surrounding a person or thing. <i>The ceremony retains an aura of mystery.</i>
colouring	The natural hues of a person's skin, hair, and eyes. <i>A colouring book.</i>
conclusion	The formal and final arrangement of an agreement. <i>His conclusion took the evidence into account.</i>
construal	An interpretation of the meaning of something; the act of construing.
<u>echo</u>	(Greek mythology) a nymph who was spurned by Narcissus and pined away until only her voice remained. <i>She could hear echoes of her own footsteps.</i>
explanation	A statement that makes something comprehensible by describing the relevant structure or operation or circumstances etc. <i>The explanation was very simple.</i>
feeling	Strong emotion. <i>God bless you she said with feeling.</i>
flavour	A substance used to alter or enhance the taste of food or drink a flavouring. <i>Various flavours of firewall are evolving.</i>
hint	A small piece of practical information or advice. <i>Handy hints on saving energy in your home.</i>
implication	A meaning that is not expressly stated but can be inferred. <i>Her victory had important political implications.</i>
inference	The reasoning involved in drawing a conclusion or making a logical judgment on the basis of circumstantial evidence and prior conclusions rather than on the basis of direct observation. <i>His emphasis on order and health and by inference cleanliness.</i>
insinuation	An indirect (and usually malicious) implication. <i>A piece of filthy insinuation.</i>
intension	Resolution or determination.
intimation	The action of making something known, especially in an indirect way. <i>It took ten years from the intimation of a claim to the assessment of damages.</i>
meaning	The idea that is intended. <i>What is the meaning of this proverb.</i>
nuance	A subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound. <i>He was familiar with the nuances of the local dialect.</i>

overtone	A musical tone which is a part of the harmonic series above a fundamental note, and may be heard with it. Overtones of despair.
reading	The action or skill of reading. <i>The Bill returns to the House for its final reading next week.</i>
secondary meaning	Coil such that current is induced in it by passing a current through the primary coil.
smack	The act of smacking something a blow delivered with an open hand. <i>She closed the ledger with a smack.</i>
suggestion	An idea or belief accepted by a person as a result of suggestion. <i>There was a suggestion of a smile on his lips.</i>
supposition	The cognitive process of supposing. <i>They were working on the supposition that his death was murder.</i>
suspicion	A feeling or belief that someone is guilty of an illegal, dishonest, or unpleasant action. <i>He was arrested on suspicion of murder.</i>
undercurrent	A current below the surface of a fluid. <i>Racial undercurrents.</i>
understanding	An inclination to support or be loyal to or to agree with an opinion. <i>Foreign visitors with little understanding of English.</i>
undertone	A subdued or muted tone of sound or colour. <i>The sexual undertones of most advertising.</i>
vein	A source of a specified quality. <i>He continued in this vein for several minutes.</i>

Usage Examples of "Connotation" as a noun

- *The work functions both by analogy and by connotation.*
- *The word 'discipline' has unhappy connotations of punishment and repression.*

Associations of "Connotation" (30 Words)

boding	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.</i>
bookmark	A marker (a piece of paper or ribbon) placed between the pages of a book to mark the reader's place. <i>Fans will want to bookmark this site.</i>

clue	Inform someone about a particular matter. <i>Archaeological evidence can give clues about the past.</i>
compact	Have the property of being packable or of compacting easily. <i>A compact cluster of houses.</i>
cue	Sports implement consisting of a tapering rod used to strike a cue ball in pool or billiards. <i>Ros and Guil cued by Hamlet also bow deeply.</i>
denotation	The object or concept to which a term refers, or the set of objects of which a predicate is true. <i>Beyond their immediate denotation the words have a connotative power.</i>
entail	The act of entailing property the creation of a fee tail from a fee simple. <i>The damage being done in England by entails.</i>
express	By express. <i>With a diplomatic smile she expressed herself more subtly.</i>
imply	Suggest that someone is guilty. <i>Salesmen who use jargon to imply superior knowledge.</i>
include	Specifically exclude someone from a group or activity. <i>Other changes included the abolition of the death penalty.</i>
indicant	A thing which indicates something. <i>Symptoms are the prime indicants of disease.</i>
indicate	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>He indicated his opponents.</i>
indication	A sign or piece of information that indicates something. <i>Indications of strain.</i>
indicator	A board or screen in a railway station, airport, etc. giving current information. <i>A speed indicator.</i>
lead	A position of leadership especially in the phrase take the lead. <i>The lead role.</i>
manifestation	An appearance of a ghost or spirit. <i>Some supernatural manifestations are regarded as portents of good or evil.</i>
mark	Insert punctuation marks into. <i>The owner s mark was on all the sheep.</i>
mascot	A person or thing that is supposed to bring good luck, especially one linked to a particular organization or event. <i>The team s dolphin mascot.</i>

meaning	Intended to communicate something that is not directly expressed. <i>The meaning of life.</i>
mnemonic	A device (such as a rhyme or acronym) used to aid recall. <i>The usual mnemonic for star types is O Be A Fine Girl Kiss Me.</i>
omen	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>A rise in imports might be an omen of recovery.</i>
oracular	(of an utterance, advice, etc.) hard to interpret; enigmatic. <i>He holds forth in oracular fashion.</i>
<u>refer</u>	Make reference to. <i>The God to whom he habitually referred his highest inspirations.</i>
<u>reflection</u>	A thing that is a consequence of or arises from something else. <i>It was a sad reflection on society that because of his affliction he was picked on.</i>
sign	A gesture that is part of a sign language. <i>The bond between the signifier and the signified is arbitrary.</i>
signal	Be a signal for or a symptom of. <i>She signalled Charlotte to be silent.</i>
<u>signify</u>	Convey or express a meaning. <i>The church used this image to signify the Holy Trinity.</i>
<u>symbol</u>	Symbolize. <i>The eagle is a symbol of the United States.</i>
<u>symbolic</u>	Significant purely in terms of what is being represented or implied. <i>A repeating design symbolic of eternity.</i>
symptom	Any sensation or change in bodily function that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease. <i>Dental problems may be a symptom of other illness.</i>