

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)

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

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

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

<b>boding</b>	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of fore<b>boding</b>.</i>
<b>bookmark</b>	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 <b>bookmark</b> this site.</i>

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

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