

## Diction - Word Choice

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**Diction** is word choice, or the style of speaking that a writer, speaker, or character uses. The **diction** that you use when you speak or write should be matched to purpose or audience.



Denotation	Connotation
Literal meaning of the word (what you find in the dictionary)	The emotional associations for that word
Gray → "A color between white and black"	Gray → uncertainty, old, the middle ground, sadness, gloomy, fear, angry

### Further Practice

Word	Denotation	Connotation
Rose	A flower with fragrant blooms	Love, caution, spring, vampires, overcoming obstacles, passion, beauty, name, romance, red, fashion
Sun	A star	Energy, yellow, bright, vampire killer, hot, heat, positivity, summer, beach, spring, life
Home	4 walls and a roof a dwelling place	NY, cozy, boring, safe place, shelter, sleep, togetherness, peace, wifi, family, emptiness, history, chores
wall	A structure that separates a space	Trump, room, protection, punch, rage, anger, isolation, feelings barrier, trust barrier, safety, something to lean on, memorial, relationships, colors, division (Germany)



