

## “Eccentric” or “strange”: Using online corpora to navigate connotation (worksheet)

GLOSSARY	
noun	名詞
adjective	形容詞
adverb	副詞
connotation	意味合い
positive	肯定的な
negative	否定的な

*WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE PAIRS OF ADJECTIVES THAT HAVE SIMILAR MEANINGS?*

*inquisitive* **child** vs *nosy* **kid**

- Do the **nouns** these *adjectives* appear with have positive or negative connotations?

*cocky* and **arrogant** vs. **calm** and *self-assured*

- What other **adjectives** do these *words* most frequently appear with? Do they have positive, negative, or neutral connotations?

**boldly** *assertive* vs. **overly** *aggressive*

- What do the **adverbs** that most frequently modify these *adjectives* connote?

**skinny** and malnourished dog” vs. “I’d kill to be as **skinny** as she is”?

- Do any of the **adjectives** have a negative connotation in one context but a neutral or positive one in another?

*HOW ABOUT THESE OTHER PAIRS OF ADJECTIVES?*

- childlike / childish
- laidback / lazy
- cheap / thrifty
- loud / vocal
- amenable / docile
- devious / clever
- uncompromising / stubborn