

Denotation

- He *enjoyed* a good reputation.
- I *enjoyed* his last novel immensely.
- He *maintains* a large family.
- He *maintains* that families should be large.
- I hope he *appreciates* what this means.
- I greatly *appreciate* what you have done for us.
- The shares *appreciated* in value considerably over the first 12 months.
- My room *overlooks* the park.
- I'm prepared to *overlook* his bad behavior and give him another chance.
- Very small details are easy to *overlook*.

Connotation

- Who's the *scrawny* girl at the front desk?
- Who's the *skinny* girl at the front desk?
- Who's the *slim* girl at the front desk?
- He *walked* down the street.
- He *staggered* down the street.
- He *strode* down the street.

Shades of meaning

A: I've explained the procedure to him fifty times but he just doesn't get it!

B: You just need to be a little more patient. He is *trying*.

A: Oh, he is certainly *trying*!

Register

- Some of that *stuff* will need to be *thrown out*.
- Some of those *things/items* will need to be *disposed of*.
- Please *wait for* instructions before proceeding.
- Please *await* instructions before proceeding.
- She *spotted* a number of mistakes in the report.
- She *identified* a number of mistakes in the report.

Frequency

- I'm *tired* and *want to go to bed*.
- I'm *fatigued* and *wish to retire*.