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**Positive, Negative, or Neutral?**

*For each set of words below, sort the words into the column that best describes its connotation – positive, negative, or neutral. There may not be an equal number in each column for every set, and every set may have a different distribution of words (i.e. there may be three positive for one set, but six positive for another).*

*Also keep in mind that connotation can sometimes be subjective and depend on the context. There may not be a definitive right or wrong answer for some of these words, but be prepared to explain your choices if asked!*

1. mansion, shack, abode, dwelling, domicile, residence, house, home, dump, hovel
2. snooty, arrogant, conceited, vain, proud, confident, self-assured, boastful, fearless, audacious
3. steal, take, earn, pilfer, rob, win, get, snatch, swipe, obtain
4. laugh, giggle, chuckle, roar, snicker, cackle, shriek, scream, guffaw, express amusement
5. shy, withdrawn, silent, reserved, timid, quiet, sullen, demure, introverted, humble
6. saving, tight, miserly, frugal, economical, careful, thrifty, penny-pinching, practical, selfish
7. cautious, judicious, wary, nervous, paranoid, alert, careful, tentative, watchful, leery
8. energetic, hyper, spirited, uncontrolled, dynamic, fervent, expressive, driven, aggressive, vigorous
9. smart, clever, astute, skillful, cunning, sly, sharp, brilliant, able, knowing
10. brief, short, terse, concise, condensed, summarized, succinct, blunt, brusque, curt

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