

Inference Activity: Word Connotation II

Step One: Consider the word *walk*.

Step Two: Think of 5-10 synonyms for it.

Examples: mosey, meander, tromp, traipse, glide, plod, slog, stomp, march, trek, roam, stride, tramp, trudge, hike, ramble, sashay, prowl, tread

Step Three: Read the following sentences and make an *inference* about each of the subjects. What *general ideas* can you arrive at (emotions or traits)? Pay careful attention to the verb in each sentence; it will help you make an accurate inference.

Example:

Alexander moseyed down his street one morning.

Inference: *Because he was moseying, he was not in a hurry. Alexander is probably relaxed as he walks.*

- 1) Alfred stomped into the room. (*How might Alfred be feeling since he is stomping? What might have caused Alfred to stomp? What might the effect of his stomping be? Does Alfred remind you of anyone else who stomps?*)

Inference: _____

- 2) Mary trudged through the snow.

Inference: _____

- 3) Alfonso trekked across the mountains.

Inference: _____

- 4) The cougar prowled the forest.

Inference: _____

- 5) Isadora traipsed across the stage.

Inference: _____
