



Using connotations to determine meanings of words

Instructions: Read the poems. Then complete the activity that follows.

Waking up

It's Monday morning.
The sunlight glares in my eyes.
Here's the sleepy bus.

Spell it out

Jane spelled the last word
P...A...T...I...E...N...T
Her face shining bright.

After the rain

The raindrops dance bright
Like diamonds catching the light.
What a happy sight!

Champion lost

His heart melted down,
But his smile lied loudly
Being a good sport.

Laughing dog

Running about in the garden,
Please come in out of the rain,
You difficult pet!

Under the sofa

Aha! I'm not tricked.
I know right where you're hiding,
My hide-and-seek friend.

Something for Mum

White daisies and roses
I'll bring a bunch home to Mum
And watch her smile grow.

Winter warmth

Don't tease me, sunshine
peaking from the cold grey skies.
Please, no more winter.

Weird little brother

Following me here
And there - really everywhere.
Never quiet with you.

Pushy pal

What did you get me?
I don't want to be surprised.
What did you get me?

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Laughing dog	difficult	
Something for Mum	smile	
Weird little brother	weird	
Spell it out	shining	
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Waking up	glares	The sun is bright.
After the rain	dance	The raindrops sparkle as they fall from the sky.
Laughing dog	difficult	The dog is not doing what it is told.
Something for Mum	smile	The narrator's mom is happy.
Weird little brother	weird	The brother is bothering the older sibling.
Spell it out	shining	The winner of the spelling bee is proud or happy.
Champion lost	lied	The loser of the contest is sad and upset he lost.
Under the sofa	tricked	The seeker in the poem has not been fooled.
Winter warmth	tease	The narrator wants winter to end.
Pushy pal	pushy	The narrator is impatient.