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PICK THE "JUST RIGHT" WORD

Each of the following sentences contain two words that are similar in denotation (literal meaning) but are different in connotation (emotional meaning). Use the context clues in the sentences below to choose the word that fits best.

1. William wanted to be honest but still impress his girlfriend. So he told her that the fancy necklace he gave her was _____. (**inexpensive/cheap**)
2. Ollie _____ (**appreciates/adores**) science so much that he can talk about it for hours and hours.
3. Shayla thought her best friend's cat had lost too much weight. Hoping not to be too negative, Shayla told her that the cat looked _____ (**skinny/gaunt**).
4. Martin can talk his friends into doing or believing just about anything. Some parents are worried that Martin is _____ (**brainwashing/influencing**) them.
5. Teddy entered every fencing match thinking he could win but never bragged. Therefore, his teammates saw him as a _____ (**confident/cocky**) competitor.
6. The sight of green beans make Ava gag. She _____ (**dislikes/loathes**) them.
7. Afraid his teacher would scold him in front of the class, Horace made sure he only _____ (**snickered/roared**) at his lab partner's joke.
8. The ad described the house as small and cozy. But when the Davenports pulled into the driveway, they were disappointed at the _____ (**residence/shack**) which stood before them.
9. Our annoying neighbors watch every move we make. They're just so _____. (**curious/nosy**)
10. Since dying my hair pink and wearing mismatched converse sneakers, my pesky little brother says I'm _____ (**unique/strange**).