

Is it possible to determine the Connotation of *Sweet* and *Bitter* by the Words they frequently collocate with as a Metaphor?

## Introduction:

The following poster will deal with the metaphor of Emotions are Food or more specifically Emotions are Tastes.

[1.] Catherine smiled *sweetly*.

[2.] Halfway through Wuthering Heights I *bitterly* complained.

A random sample of 50 occurrences was taken of each. The context was set to display the entire sentence. Those were individually coded as either metaphorical or literal. The overall results were as follows:

Those were then individually coded as either *positive*, *negative* or *neutral* in connotation. [Diagram 3]