Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Connotation & Denotation**

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| **What is denotation?** |

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| **What is connotation?** |
| **Connotation of words can be:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  **What is the connotation of these words?**  Lazy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fake\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bright\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strength\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |

Unpacking Meaning

**Step 1:** Identify Denotation **Step 2:** Determine Connotations

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| *Word* | *Denotation* | *Connotation* |
| Lazy |  |  |
| Bright |  |  |
| Fake |  |  |
| Strong |  |  |

**Similar Denotations-Different Connotations:**

1. The girl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on her meal because she is nervous on her first date.
2. The teenage boy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his food after his first day of practice.
3. After finding out that her dog died, the little girl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for days.
4. Mara felt embarrassed in class and she began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Mario could not find his homework in his back pack. He frantically searched everywhere and felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The senior tried to use his size to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the freshmen players and prove he was the boss on the field.

More Practice

**Identifying Positive and Negative Connotations:**

Each pair of phrases includes synonyms with different connotations. Put a **+** sign next to the one with a positive connotation and a **–** sign next to the one with a negative connotation. Use a dictionary if needed.

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| 1. a powerful stink \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     a powerful aroma \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. casual clothes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     sloppy clothes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. a reckless plan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   a daring plan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. energetic children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     wild children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. an easygoing friend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   a lazy friend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. answered with arrogance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     answered with confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Choosing Connotations:**

Read the following sets of words, and then write each word in the appropriate column according to the connotation, or association, it has for you and your friends.

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| 1. thin, plump, fat, slim | 1. snooty, friendly, vain, proud |
| 1. chatty, quiet, talkative, moody | 1. shack, residence, apartment, condo |

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| Positive Connotations  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Negative Connotations  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Neutral Connotations  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Vocabulary Challenge:**

Replace each word with a synonym that has **positive connotations**. Then write a sentence using the synonym correctly. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if needed.

1. nosy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. weird \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. cheap \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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