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Grade: 12A1

Denotation and Connotation

Instructions: Read each of the following sentences. Decide from the context whether the speaker is showing approval or disapproval of the topic. Then type the word in the box next to the sentence. Use lowercase letters.

Example: "The sooner we move out of this **(home, dump)**" said Jack, "the happier I'll be." dump

1. This cell phone is **(expensive, overpriced)**, but I don't mind paying extra because it has so many useful features. _____
2. You're lucky to have Wilma on your committee. She has lots of **(original, crazy)** ideas. _____
3. It was a beautiful spring day, and the **(stench, scent)** of apple blossoms filled the whole yard. _____
4. Will you please turn your stereo off? I can't concentrate with all that **(music, noise)**. _____
5. "I think Fay is an excellent president," said the principal. "She really knows how to **(manage, meddle)**."
6. I have a lot of respect for Jenny's father. He's rather **(reserved, antisocial)** and dignified.
7. This coffee is very **(bitter, strong)**-just the way I like it!
8. What makes Jim such an excellent storyteller is his knack for **(invention, lying)**.
9. I hope I do not have to share an office with Janice. Sandra told me how **(curious, nosy)** she can be.

10. Can you please ask the new saleswoman not to be so **(enthusiastic, pushy)**? She is scaring away the customers.

11. Mr. Benton had better watch out for that new assistant of his. He's a **(clever, crafty)** one.

12. Boss Reed and his **(cronies, employees)** have controlled this company for more than twenty years. I certainly hope the other gentleman takes control of things.