DENOTATION/CONNOTATION EXERCISE

I. *For each pair of words and a phrase, list the one that is positive in the "Positive Connotation" (P) category, the one that is negative in the "Negative Connotation"(N) category, and the phrase that is a more neutral definition for both words in the "Denotation" (D) column.*

1. gaze_____, look steadily_____, stare_____
2. fragrance_____, odor_____, a smell sensed by the olfactory nerve_____
3. brainwash_____, persuade_____, influence one way or another_____
4. delayed_____, not on time_____, tardy_____
5. somewhat interested_____, nosy_____, curious_____
6. lazily_____, without haste_____, leisurely_____
7. ask of someone_____, demand_____, request_____
8. gathering_____, a large group_____, mob_____
9. slim_____, skinny_____, less than average build_____
10. discuss with others_____, debate_____, argue_____
11. observe_____, watch_____, spy_____
12. a young age_____, youthful_____, immature_____
13. not having a care_____, irresponsible_____, carefree_____
14. unique_____, not commonly found_____, strange_____
15. find_____, detect_____, snoop_____

	Positive Connotation	***Denotation***	***Negative Connotation***
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
13.			
14.			
15.			

LIVEWORKSHEETS