

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 _____

	<i>Positive Connotation</i>	<i>Denotation</i>	<i>Negative Connotation</i>
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