

## **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 P, look steadily D, stare N
2. fragrance P, odor N, a smell sensed by the olfactory nerve D
3. brainwash N, persuade P, influence one way or another D
4. delayed P, not on time D, tardy N
5. somewhat interested D, nosy N, curious P
6. lazily N, without haste D, leisurely P
7. ask of someone D, demand N, request P
8. gathering P, a large group D, mob N
9. slim P, skinny N, less than average build D
10. discuss with others D, debate P, argue N
11. observe D, watch P, spy N
12. a young age D, youthful P, immature N
13. not having a care D, irresponsible N, carefree P
14. unique P, not commonly found D, strange N
15. find P, detect D, snoop N

	<i><b>Positive Connotation</b></i>	<i><b>Denotation</b></i>	<i><b>Negative Connotation</b></i>
1.	gaze	look steadily	stare
2.	fragrance	a smell sensed by the olfactory nerve	odor
3.	persuade	influenced one way or another	brainwash
4.	delayed	not on time	tardy
5.	curious	somewhat interested	nosy
6.	leisurely	without haste	lazily
7.	request	ask of someone	demand
8.	gathering	a large group	mob
9.	slim	less than average build	skinny
10.	debate	discuss with others	argue
11.	watch	observe	spy
12.	youthful	a young age	immature
13.	carefree	not having a care	irresponsible
14.	unique	not commonly found	strange
15.	find	detect	snoop