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DEFINITION

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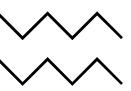
Many discussions hinge upon definition.

To evaluate the success of something, we need to define what success is.

To qualify a behavior as being polite or impolite, we ought to define politeness.

Definition gives you and your audience/readers a common ground in the discourse.

Definition Essay

A definition essay is a type of essay that defines a term, a concept, or an idea.

It includes the denotations and connotations of the term.
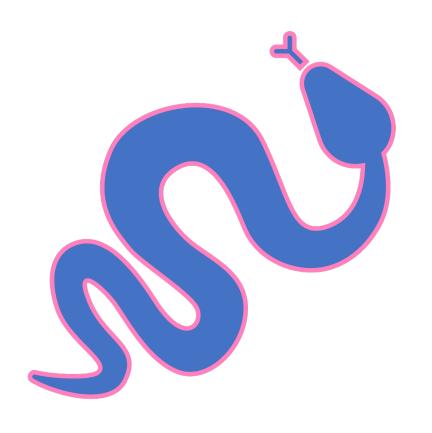
Connotation and Denotation

CONNOTATION IS THE EMOTIONAL AND IMAGINATIVE ASSOCIATION SURROUNDING A WORD.

DENOTATION IS THE STRICT DICTIONARY MEANING OF A WORD.
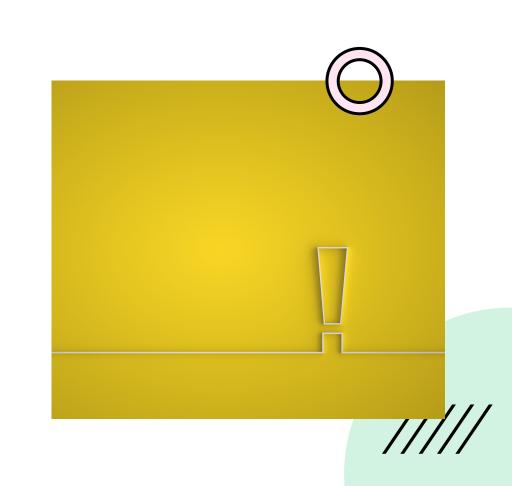
Example of Denotation

If you look up the word snake in a dictionary, you will discover that one of its denotative meanings is "any of numerous scaly, legless, sometimes venomous reptiles having a long, tapering, cylindrical body and found in most tropical and temperate regions." •
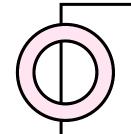
EXAMPLE OF CONNOTATION

THE CONNOTATIONS FOR THE WORD SNAKE COULD INCLUDE EVIL, DANGER, ETC.

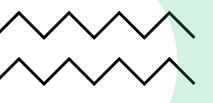## Signal Words for Definition

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To define

As defined

To illustrate
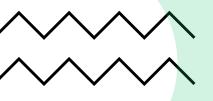
Means

Refers to

Parts of a Definition Essay

I. Introduction

   A. Attention getter

   1. Traditional or dictionary definition of the subject to provide a basis for your personal definition.

   B. Thesis: State how you define the term.

Parts of a Definition Essay

II. Body

    A. Background information

    B. Point one

        1. The first part of your definition of the term

        2. Example to illustrate that point

        3. Analysis of how the example illustrates the point.

    C. Point two

        4. The second part of your definition of the term

        5. Example to illustrate that point

        6. Analysis of how the example illustrates the point.

    D. Point three. etc

Parts of a Definition Essay

III. Conclusion

A. Review your definition's main points

B. Closing attention getter

○ Your Task: *Evaluation*

DIRECTIONS: Write a short paragraph of your own definition about "home".

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