**Connotation and Denotation Practice**

Sort the following sets of words into categories based on the connotation it has **for you**.

1. Chatty, quiet, talkative, moody, grumpy, lively
2. Thin, plump, fat, slim, slender, scrawny, lean, overweight, chubby
3. Snobby, friendly, vain, proud, welcoming, gracious
4. Shack, residence, apartment, mansion, tent, slum, house, home
5. ![C:\Users\DSmith\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SN5ETGWU\PngMedium-Girl-Face-16651[1].gif]()Confident, bossy, firm, assertive, arrogant, self-assured
6. Unusual, amazing, weird, surprising, odd
7. Smell, aroma, stench, perfume, stink, odour
8. Nosy, curious, interested, fascinated, attentive, bored
9. Bother, inconvenience, nuisance, hassle
10. Visitor, intruder, guest, trespasser, tourist, client
11. Meal, rations, feast, supplies, banquet, dinner, buffet
12. Fanatical, enthusiastic, accepting, passionate

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| **Positive Connotations +** | **Neutral Connotations =** | **Negative Connotations -** |
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**![C:\Users\DSmith\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WZ7XXA3P\15168-illustration-of-a-cartoon-dog-pv[1].png]()![C:\Users\DSmith\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SN5ETGWU\dog[1].png]()Denotations and Connotations**

In the table below some everyday words are listed. Find a dictionary type meaning for each word - the **denotation**. Then write down as many **connotations** for each word as you can think of (good or bad). The first is done as an example.

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| **Words** | **Denotation** | **Connotation** |
| Dog | A four-legged carnivorous animal often kept as a pet or trained to hunt | Friendly, intelligent, loyal, noisy, suspicious, threatening, ferocious |
| Kitten |  |  |
| Desert |  |  |
| Teacher |  |  |
| Money |  |  |
| Sport |  |  |
| Forest |  |  |
| Green |  |  |