



ELA Virtual Learning

**6th Grade ELA**

**Connotation**

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### Lesson: April 16, 2020

### **Objectives/Learning Targets:**

#### **Students will:**

- analyze the connotative meaning of words and phrases in a text.
- write responses using complete sentences with standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

# Warm-up

On a piece of notebook paper, draw a three-column chart:

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thin  
slender  
skinny

house  
shack  
home

request  
demand  
ask

cheap  
thrifty  
economical

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# Warm-up Answers

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**On the same piece of notebook paper, answer the following question:**

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How does the author's word choice contribute to the meaning?

*The author used positive word choice throughout the passage that gave the reader a positive feeling towards the Chiefs.*

*For example, the word **unstoppable** gives the impression that the Chiefs are the best team and no one can beat them.*



# Learn

It is important to know that words can mean something different than their “definition” meaning.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video about connotation/denotation!

Denotation is the direct and explicit meaning of a word or set of words; it is the “dictionary definition.” (D for dictionary!)

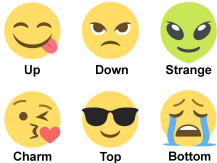


Connotation is the meaning of the word based on a shared emotional association; an idea or feeling that a word creates in the reader. (C for creates!)

*Meanings of the same word can be positive, negative, or neutral.*

The word gray has a different dictionary meaning than its connotative meaning:

Denotation: Dictionary	Connotation: Creates
A mixture of white and black	Cloudy, gloomy, cold



# Practice

Read the following passages and determine the connotative meaning of each:

➤ Deserts

After reading the passages answer the following question on notebook paper:

How does the author's word choice contribute to the meaning of each passage? Use details from each passage to support your response.



**R**estate  
Restate the question by turning it into a statement.

**A**nswer  
Answer all parts of the question.

**C**ite  
Give examples and evidence from the text.  
*"the text states..." "in paragraph 4..."*

**E**xplain  
Explain how your evidence supports your answer.  
*"this shows that..." "this means..."*





# Practice Answer Key

Check your answers to make sure it meets the following criteria:

- Did you write in complete sentences?
- Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
- Did you answer the question?
- Did you support and explain your answer using details from the article?

Sample Proficient Answer: *(Answers may vary)*

***Both passages are about deserts. However, in the first paragraph, the author uses words like empty, barren, and secluded to give a negative connotation to the paragraph. The second paragraph is more positive in connotation, as the author uses gold, graceful and warm to describe the same geographical location.***

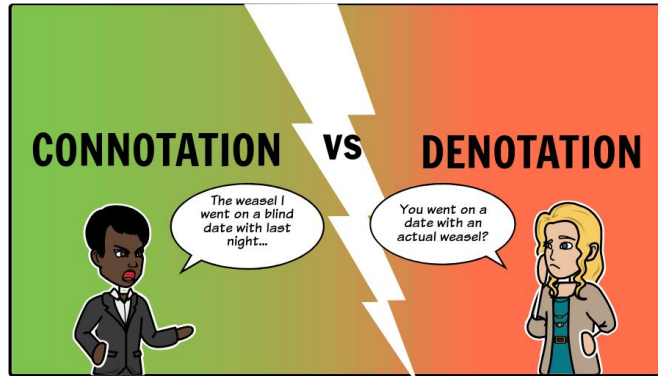
# Additional Resources

If you want to learn more...

Click [HERE](#) for a Super Bowl LIV video!



Click [HERE](#) for more about Connotation and Denotation



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about deserts.

