



# English I: Reading: Module 1: Lesson 2: Section 5

## Denotation and Connotation

### Handout 3: Word Interpretation

**Directions:** In this activity you will closely examine five words and their meanings. Follow these steps and review the examples that follow before you begin:

1. Choose five words from the list below.
2. For each word, write a sentence that uses the word.
3. Write the word's denotation.
4. Write a positive or negative connotation associated with the word.
5. Write a synonym for the word that has a different connotation.

#### Example Word: Bargain

**Sentence using the word:**

"The homecoming dress that Susan bought was a bargain."

**Denotation:** A thing bought for sale more cheaply than is usual or expected

**Connotation:** inexpensive (positive connotation)

**Synonym:** cheap (negative connotation)

#### Example Word: Smart

**Sentence using the word:**

"Jessie is a smart student, she received all A's for the school year."

**Denotation:** Having or showing a quick-witted intelligence

**Connotation:** bright (positive connotation)

**Synonym:** egghead (negative connotation)

### Word List

stare

fragrance

persuade

tardy

curious

lazily

request

mob

slim

debate

Word #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence using the word:

Denotation:

Connotation: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

Word #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence using the word:

Denotation:

Connotation: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_



Word #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence using the word:

Denotation:

Connotation: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

Word #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence using the word:

Denotation:

Connotation: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

Word #5: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence using the word:

Denotation:

Connotation: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_