

Denotation and Connotation

A. Directions: Read each vocabulary word. Write *two* synonyms for it, first one with a *positive (+)* connotation, then one with a *negative (-)* connotation. You may consult a dictionary or thesaurus.

Vocabulary Word	(+) Synonym	(-) Synonym
1. aggressive		
2. well-known		
3. thin		
4. clever		
5. colorful		

B. Directions: Read each vocabulary word. Write one sentence that uses the word in its *positive* sense. Write another sentence that uses the word in its *negative* sense. Use the boxed example as a guide.

EXAMPLE **vocabulary word:** the adjective *smart*
Positive: He is *smart* enough to do well in math if he would only study.
Negative: He is so *smart* he talks back to his mother.

6. vocabulary word: the noun *smell*

*Positive:*_____

*Negative:*_____

7. vocabulary word: the adjective *serious*

*Positive:*_____

*Negative:*_____

8. vocabulary word: the adjective *old*

*Positive:*_____

*Negative:*_____