

Denotation and Connotation

All words have a definition- that's how we communicate. These definitions are what we call the word's **denotation**. But most words also produce feelings in the receiver- we call these feelings **connotations**. These connotations depend on the person hearing/reading the word and the context in which the word's used. For example the denotation of a rose is a type of flower. But the connotation could be one of love (a gift of red roses for love). On the other hand someone could take it to mean something that looks pretty but can cause pain (ever been pricked by a rose thorn?).

Language Note: Connotation comes from two Latin words, *Con-* meaning associating and *notare* meaning to mark or write. Denotation changes the *con-* to *de-* meaning removal. Put together, *connotation* means something associated with a mark (word) and *denotation* means a word that is detached from feelings.

With the words below list their denotations and various connotations.

Word	Denotation	Connotation
Gun		
Dog		
Kiss		
Milk		
Cake		
Television		
Music		
School		
Water		
America		

