

Lesson 8**Denotation and Connotation**

- A.** Read the paragraph below. Replace underlined words with words from the box that have the same denotation as the underlined word but a different connotation. Write your answers on the lines.

The **denotation** of a word is its dictionary meaning.
The **connotation** of a word is an association or feeling it brings to mind.

yelling walk scent forced terrible

Kim was having a sad and unpleasant _____ day. First she was required _____ to clean her room. Then Kim's stroll _____ with her Dad was canceled. That meant that she would not be able to pass by the park's flower gardens with their lovely smell _____. And finally, her brother was calling out loudly _____ that he was going to drive her to soccer practice.

- B.** For each item, circle the word or phrase that has the most positive connotation.

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| 1. youngster | child | juvenile | brat |
| 2. unusual | odd | crazy | strange |
| 3. silent | tomblike | peaceful | still |
| 4. pretty | beautiful | nice | neat |
| 5. stupid | silly | foolish | unintelligent |

Resource Links

1 RDI Book 1: p. 251

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