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**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 a feeling that a word evokes above its literal meaning.

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

**DIRECTIONS:** work with a partner to sort these words into the appropriate categories in the classification table below. All of the words are in a set of three.

dog obese weird skinny unique

starving request homely plump nag rally

shack thrifty mansion mutt demand

cheap riot single steed proud

pushy slender appetite stuck-up determined

**Denotation/Connotation Word Classification**

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| **Neutral (Denotation)** | **Positive Connotation** | **Negative Connotation** |
| horse |  |  |
| canine |  |  |
| economical |  |  |
| thin |  |  |
| egotistical |  |  |
| protest |  |  |
| hungry |  |  |
| assertive |  |  |
| house |  |  |
| ask |  |  |
| strange |  |  |
| unmarried |  |  |
| overweight |  |  |