# The DENOTATION & CONNOTATION

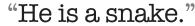
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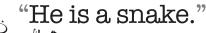
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	connotation The toy is poorly made or of inferior quality.
She is a <b>chicken</b> .	DENOTATION She is literally a domestic fowl.
	connotation She is cowardly.
He is <b>skinny</b> .	DENOTATION She is very thing, with little body fat.
	connotation She is unattractively thin.
He handed her a <b>red</b> <b>rose</b> .	DENOTATION He handed her a flower which was red.
	connotation) He displayed his love to her (red roses are associated with love)
My brother is <b>childish</b> .	DENOTATION My brother displays the actions appropriate for a young child.
	connotation My brother is immature or extremely silly.
He is a talkative child.	DENOTATION He talks a lot, and enjoys talking.
	connotation He talks too much.
It will always be my <b>home</b> .	DENOTATION I will literally inhabit it forever.
	CONNOTATION I will always think of it as a place I belong.
She's a real lady.	DENOTATION She is a female.
	CONNOTATION She displays very feminine/proper manners.
She wore a plain dress.	DENOTATION There were no decorations or patterns on the dress.
	connotation The dress was ordinary and not very attractive.
He is a wily old <b>fox</b> .	DENOTATION He is literally a carnivorous mammal of the dog family.
	connotation. He is cunning and sly.
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