DENOTATION/CONNOTATION EXERCISE

I. *For each pair of words and a phrase, list the one that is positive in the "Positive Connotation" (P) category, the one that is negative in the "Negative Connotation"(N) category, and the phrase that is a more neutral definition for both words in the "Denotation" (D) column.*

1. gaze_____, look steadily_____, stare_____
2. fragrance_____, odor_____, a smell sensed by the olfactory nerve_____
3. brainwash_____, persuade_____, influence one way or another_____
4. delayed_____, not on time_____, tardy_____
5. somewhat interested_____, nosy_____, curious_____
6. lazily_____, without haste_____, leisurely_____
7. ask of someone_____, demand_____, request_____
8. gathering_____, a large group_____, mob_____
9. slim_____, skinny_____, less than average build_____
10. discuss with others_____, debate_____, argue_____
11. observe_____, watch_____, spy_____
12. a young age_____, youthful_____, immature_____
13. not having a care_____, irresponsible_____, carefree_____
14. unique_____, not commonly found_____, strange_____
15. find_____, detect_____, snoop_____

	Positive Connotation	*Denotation*	*Negative Connotation*
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	Positive Connotation	*Denotation*	*Negative Connotation*
1.	gaze	look steadily	stare
2.	fragrance	a smell sensed by the olfactory nerve	odor
3.	persuade	influence one way or another	brainwash
4.	delayed	not on time	tardy
5.	curious	somewhat interested	nosy
6.	leisurely	without haste	lazily
7.	request	ask of someone	demand
8.	gathering	a large group	mob
9.	slim	less than average build	skinny
10.	debate	discuss with others	argue
11.	observe	watch	spy
12.	youthful	a young age	immature
13.	carefree	not having a care	irresponsible
14.	unique	not commonly found	strange
15.	detect	find	snoop