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Denotation vs. Connotation

Sometimes words have more than one meaning. A word's *denotation* is its literal meaning—the way it would be defined in a dictionary. A word's *connotation* is its implied meaning, such as the emotions or images the word evokes.

EXAMPLE:

Annie's favorite place on Earth is her **home**.

Home:

Denotation: the place where a person lives; house

Connotation: a place where a person feels safe and loved

Directions: Read *The Dark Pond* on page 24 of this issue of *Scope*. Then, find the following words in the text and complete the chart below, providing the denotation and connotation of each word.

Words	Denotation	Connotation
long hair		
kommandant		
buzz cut		
snake pit		
dark pond		
call		