

CONNOTATION AND DENOTATION EXERCISE

EXERCISE

Below are words which may seem offensive in some respect (because of their connotations), although they are completely benign (without any derogatory meaning) otherwise. Take a moment to write the denotative definition (D) for each word, and then write the connotative definition (C) for each word.

Leech

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Ride

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Crabs

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Star

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirt

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Pussy

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Hitched

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Bitch

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Ass

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Black

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Spoon

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Exclusive

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Look

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Ball and Chain

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Dick

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Steam

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_

Gay

D: \_\_\_\_\_  
C: \_\_\_\_\_