



## Connotation and Denotation

**A.** Read the paragraph below. Replace underlined words with words from the box that have the same denotation as the underlined word but a different connotation. Write your answers on the lines.

The **denotation** of a word is its dictionary meaning.

The **connotation** of a word is an association or feeling it brings to mind.

yelling

walk

scent

forced

terrible

Kim was having a sad and unpleasant \_\_\_\_\_ day. First she was required \_\_\_\_\_ to clean her room. Then Kim's stroll \_\_\_\_\_ with her Dad was canceled. That meant that she would not be able to pass by the park's flower gardens with their lovely smell \_\_\_\_\_. And finally, her brother was calling out loudly \_\_\_\_\_ that he was going to drive her to soccer practice.

**B.** For each item, circle the word or phrase that has the most positive connotation.

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|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| <b>1.</b> youngster | child     | juvenile | brat          |
| <b>2.</b> unusual   | odd       | crazy    | strange       |
| <b>3.</b> silent    | tomblike  | peaceful | still         |
| <b>4.</b> pretty    | beautiful | nice     | neat          |
| <b>5.</b> stupid    | silly     | foolish  | unintelligent |