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Off-Site Instruction -- (10 pts)

## Day 6

### Understanding Connotation

**Denotation--** Literal, neutral, dictionary definition of a word

**Connotation--** feelings associated with the word; subjective; may be positive, negative or somewhere in between

*For each of the following sentences, explain how the difference in meaning is changed, as determined by the connotative meanings of the words in bold.*

1. That woman over there is my **mom/mother**.
2. Jim finally bought his first **house/ home**.
3. I parked my **car/ jalopy** in her driveway.
4. My brother was a **mentally unstable/crazy** boy.
5. Our teacher is a **wise/cunning** woman.

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6. Today, Jill starts her exciting new **job/career**.

7. The **offenders/crooks** stood before the judge.

8. She had always been a **nosy/curious** little girl.

9. Both of the boys are my **children/kids**.

10. I was a **spirited/hyperactive** child.