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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.