TONE REVIEW + PRACTICE

I. Tone Review

- A. Tone is:
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 - 1. It's expressed through _____ and _____ he/she selects
- B. Denotation is the _____ meaning of a word (dictionary definition).
 1. Example: _____: (n) "a place where one lives permanently"
- C. Connotation is an _____ or _____ that a word provokes in addition to its literal meaning
 - 1. Think of it as ______ + _____ +
- D. Examples:
 - 1. HOME
 - a) (usually a positive connotation)
 - 2. HOUSE
 - a) (neutral/no connotation; actual structure)
 - 3. RESIDENCE
 - a) (neutral/no connotation; cold, formal)
 - 4. DWELLING
 - a) (primitive/basic; negative connotation)
- E. You Try: First, name the connotation of each word as positive, negative, or neutral. Then, try to come up with tone words that would be associated with each word.
 - 1. BRAG:
 - 2. CONFESS:
 - 3. TELL:

II. More Practice

Directions: First, label each word with its connotation. Then, explain the differences in tone/context associated with each word.

- 1. Walk vs. Trudge: Walk is neutral. Trudge is negative. A character who is trudging may be facing obstacles or struggling. Walk does not give us information about the character.
- 2. Sit down vs. Plop down:
- 3. Rain vs. Storm:
- 4. Embarrassed vs. Ashamed:
- 5. Job vs. Career:

Connotation and Denotation

Here's a list of words that show connotation and denotation differences.

Those who are lonely and detached live in a *house*. Those who live with loved ones and in happiness live in a *home*.

A *mother* and *father* have procreated. A *mom* and a *dad* are loving parents.

Many *wise* men have made *plans*. Many *cunning* scoundrels have devised a *scheme*.

Pushy salespeople are to be avoided. Aggressive salespeople make a lot of money.

I'm sick and tired of listening to **politicians**, but give me a good **statesman** any day of the week and we'll get things done.

Practice: Decide which of the group of words for each below is positive and negative. Then explain each.

1.	Chef	Cook
2.	Professor	Teacher
3.	Plagiarizer	Cheater
4.	Housewife	Stay-at-Home Mom
5.	Greedy	Ambitious
6.	Slow	Stupid
7.	Substance abuser	Druggie
8.	Journalist	Reporter
9.	Eccentric	Weirdo
10.	Crazy	Mentally unstable