Connotation: the implicit idea(s) or feeling(s) that we associate (connect) with a word or phrase, these feelings and ideas may go with the word’s literal meaning or may be different. These meanings are dynamic.

Denotation: the literal (explicit) meaning of a word.

An easy way to see examples of this are to compare words with similar denotative meanings—and find that they have *very* different feelings and ideas attached to them.

1. Why do you think words have connotative meanings?
2. Think about when Oliver talks about the word “swarm.” What is the connotation of the word ‘swarm’?
3. What are the stereotypes of the migrants?
4. When is the video on the train from? Why is this important?
5. What does the economic science show happens when a country takes in new immigrants?
6. Why are people afraid of migrants?
7. How should these refugees be treated? What should other countries provide for them?
8. Fill in the following chart.

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| Word or Phrase | Denotation | Connotation |
| Swarm | *move somewhere in large numbers* |  |
| Refugees | *A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.* |  |
| Migrants | *A person who moves from their country to another.* |  |