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## Directions

In a previous exercise, individually or as part of a team, you put selected words into groups according to connotation. In other words, you decided whether you thought a word had positive, negative, or neutral associations.

Not everyone will agree on the connotation of a term. Whether a given word or phrase brings up positive or negative emotions and associations or is neutral will depend on a number of factors. In the next exercise, you will have an opportunity to share your opinion on the connotation of a word or words with your classmates.

Here are some ways to share opinion that may be useful to you as you do this.

- I think \_\_\_ is negative / positive because ...
- For me, \_\_\_\_\_ is a positive word. Let me explain.
- I don't think \_\_\_\_\_ is positive or negative.
- In my culture, \_\_\_\_\_ is not a good thing.
- In this situation, \_\_\_\_\_ may be neutral. But in my own experience, this word brings negative memories and feelings.

Note that there is no need to “win” the debate. Here are some phrases you can use to acknowledge a classmate’s point or find out more.

- Thanks for sharing that.
- Hmm, interesting.
- I see your point.
- I hadn't thought of it that way.
- Sure, but what about ...?
- What do you mean? I still don't get it.
- Good point.

