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con·note  (kə-nōt)

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tr.v. **con·not·ed**, **con·not·ing**, **con·notes**

1. To suggest or imply in addition to literal meaning: *The word "lion" denotes a kind of wild cat but connotes courage and dignity.*
2. To have as a related or attendant condition: *For a political leader, hesitation is apt to connote weakness.*

[Medieval Latin *connotāre*, to mark along with : Latin *com-*, *com-* + Latin *notāre*, to mark (from *nota*, mark; see **gnō-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots).]

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