**Connation and Denotation Exercise**

**Directions:** Change the following underlined words to words that have the same denotation, but a different connotation to create a different mood in the paragraph. Make sure your new mood stays consistent throughout the paragraph. You may need to change other words to fit the context of the new mood. Write your new paragraph on a separate sheet of paper.

**Identify the mood you are trying to create: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Emily entered the empty room. As she glanced at the curtains, their red color held her eye

for a moment. At first, she failed to notice the chair between the two windows, but as she looked

down, she was surprised to find a coin in the center of the plush cushion. The silver shined from

the dark blue velvet. Before she picked it up, she looked around in hesitation. Was somebody

watching? She wasn’t sure. So, it should not have been a surprise to her when, as she reached

for the coin, she heard a loud thud behind her.