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Directions: Read the notes from each student's report card below, paying particular attention to the underlined words. Is the note positive or negative? Rewrite each note in your own words to show that you understand what it means. If needed, use a dictionary to help you.



1. Tanya is an apathetic student. She will only comply with directions half the time. She is frequently late to class, and the only time she opens her mouth is to disrupt other students.

2. Pauline has a real talent for writing that has been neglected; but this year I have made it my priority to help her to develop it. From the quiet and withdrawn student she was, I have seen emerge a confident and articulate young woman.

3. Tim needs to be motivated to take school seriously. While he is resigned to the fact that he has to be here, his unwillingness to participate in class activities is becoming a burden to his classmates.