The word lottery is usually perceived as something good that has been won in a drawing however, the actual meaning says nothing about the lottery being a positive thing. The word lottery actually means, “Any happening or process that is or appears to be determined by chance: to look upon life as a lottery.” The definition of the term does not state that the term is positive or negative, because the processes’ ending is not chosen by the winner. In spite of this, the connotation of the word is seen as a positive thing, frequently used in phrases when talking about things cherished. Often the word is used in sentences such as “When I think about my wonderful family, I feel I’ve won the lottery.” The word is usually thought of as an advantageous thing but does not actually always in fact mean something advantageous; therefore, the connotation and denotation of the word lottery are far different.