

DEFINING

The language construction in the definitions has been as follows:

Thing to be defined		group (general class)	characteristics
Botanist	is	a person	who/that studies plants.
Seed	is	a small round or oval object	produced by a plant and from which, when it is planted, a new plant can grow.
Oxygen	is	a colourless gas	that forms a large part of the air on Earth and which is needed by people, animals and plants to live.

What is it?

What does it look like?

What is it used for?

Who uses it?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is/are ▪ means ▪ is taken to be ▪ denotes ▪ is/can/may be defined as 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ by....we mean ▪ by....is meant ▪ in other words ▪ that is (to say) ▪ is the study of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is concerned with ▪ deals with ▪ relates to ▪ involves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is used to refer to ... ▪ is generally understood to mean ... ▪ has been applied to situations where people... ▪ refers to a event characterized by ... ▪ commonly referred to ... ▪ can be loosely defined as
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is called ... ▪ is known as ... ▪ is a type of ...that/which ... ▪ A type of Y which ... is ▪ We call ▪ We define 			