

Activity: Identify & Define

Name:

Grades: 3-5

Instructions

Identify a word in an article that is new to you or that you are unsure about. Then, follow the steps of this activity to define the word and remember it.

Questions

What is the title of the article that the word appears in?

What is the word?

Does this word have a root word with a prefix or a suffix? If so, identify the root and the affixes (that is, the prefixes and suffixes).

What context clues can help you figure out this word's meaning? Context clues are other words or sentences near the word that help you figure out its meaning, such as a definition, synonym, antonym, or example.

Have you seen this word used elsewhere? Explain your thoughts.

You can double click on the word in the article to read its dictionary definition. After you read the definition, describe the word's meaning in your own words, as though you're explaining it to a friend.

Think of a picture that will help you remember this word. Draw your picture. What did you draw? Why did you choose to draw this picture?