*Defining New and Interesting Words in a Meaningful Way*

This activity gets you to read four dictionary definitions for a particular word. You are then required to choose between two and four words from any of the definitions, and use these to create your own.

Example #1

**famous**

*adjective*

1. **widely known**
2. honoured for **achievement**
3. known or recognized by very many people
4. [if](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=if) [someone](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=someone) [or](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=or) [something](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=something) [is](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=is) [famous](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=famous), [a](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=a) [lot](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=lot) [of](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=of) [people](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=people) [know](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=know) [their](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=their) [name](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=name) [or](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=or) [have](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=have) [heard](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=heard) [about](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=about) [them](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=them)

My chosen words: widely, known, achievement

My definition: *Someone who is widely known because of some of his or her achievements*

Example #2

**glacier**

*noun.*

1. A **huge** mass of ice slowly flowing over a land mass, formed from compacted snow in an area where snow accumulation exceeds melting and sublimation.
2. [A](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=a) [very](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=very) [large](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=large) [mass](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=mass) [of](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=of) [**ice**](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=ice) [that](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=that) [moves](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=moves) [very](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=very) [slowly](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/search/british/direct/?q=slowly)
3. A very large area of ice that moves slowly down a slope or valley or over a wide area of **land**
4. A large mass of ice which moves **slowly** down a mountain valley

My chosen words: huge, ice, slowly, land

My definition: *A huge piece of ice that moves over a piece of land slowly*

Example #3

**Crevice**

*Noun*

1. A narrow **opening** or fissure, especially in a rock or wall.
2. A narrow crack or opening; a fissure or cleft.
3. A small, narrow crack or space, especially in the **surface** of a **rock**.
4. A narrow opening resulting from a split or crack (as in a cliff).

My chosen words: opening, surface, rock

My definition: *A small opening in the surface of a rock*

**Your Turn!**

**Habit**

*Noun*

1. A usual way of behaving: something that a person does often in a regular and repeated way
2. A recurrent, often unconscious pattern of behaviour that is acquired through frequent repetition
3. An acquired behaviour pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary
4. A settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up

My chosen words:

My definition:

**1. Highlight the important words. 2. Use these words to write your definition.**

**Lunar**

*Adj.*

1. Involving, caused by, or affecting the moon.
2. Measured by the revolution of the moon.
3. Determined by, or resembling the moon.

My chosen words:

My definition:

**Category**

*Noun*

1. A class or division of people or things regarded as having particular shared characteristics.
2. A class or group of things, people, possessing some quality or qualities in common.
3. Any of the classes, concepts, or terms that are basic in a field of knowledge.

My chosen words:

My definition:

**Limb**

*Adj.*

1. An arm or leg of a person or four-legged animal, or a bird's wing.
2. A part of a body distinct from the head or trunk.
3. A person or thing regarded as a part, member, branch, or offshoot, of something (like a committee)

My chosen words:

My definition:

**Your Task:**

1. Read our Word Wall words (listed below)
2. Choose a word and look up and record two or three different dictionary definitions.
3. Choose between two and four words from the definitions.
4. Use these words to create your own definitions.
5. Repeat for all of the words on our list.

***enemy***

***interrupt***

***kiosk***

***muffled***

***nectar***

***numb***

***obtain***

***ogre***

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| Word #6: |
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