

Definition Essay

A definition is the effort to distinguish an entity from all other things for the purpose of being able to recognize it or in some way understand it. Definition can be done in many different methods: **analysis**—breaking it down into parts or categories, **synthesis**—relating the thing to be defined to something already familiar to the reader, **negation**—defining by making clear what it is not, **exemplification**—defining by examples, **synonyms**—using similar terms to define a word.

Topic Options

In an essay of about 200 words, work out a definition of one of these qualities (or any comparable one): vanity, courage, virtue, folly, wisdom, selfishness, love.

Choose one of the seven deadly sins (or a less deadly sin) and define it.

Requirements

A rhetorical question

A sentence consisting of 3 short clauses

A simile or metaphor

A sentence of three or fewer words