

define



verb

► Say it: de • fine

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example	Periods of time a minute	an hour
to explain the meaning of a word or concept	A _____ dictionary defines words using detailed _____ and illustrations.		
Forms		Family	
<i>Present:</i> I/You/We/They He/She/It	define defines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noun:</i> definition • <i>Adjective:</i> defined 	
<i>Past:</i>	defined		
Word Partners			
• clearly _____		The law clearly defines a minor as someone who is under 18.	

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 I would **define** a good leader as someone who _____.
- 2 Today we **define** a celebrity as anyone who _____.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **define** and appropriate content.

The dictionary _____ the word " _____ " as meaning " _____ ."

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **define** and appropriate content.

I would _____ a good vacation as one in which I get the chance to _____ .

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **define** with the modal verb *would*. In your second sentence, use **define** in the *simple present tense*.

① _____

 ② _____

grammar tip

Modal verbs are helping verbs that give additional meaning to the main verb. *Would* can be used to express a preference.

I would define my style as sporty.

We would like some water.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **define** and original content.

Thomas Edison _____ ① _____ genius as one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. Inventors in all fields—art, science, _____ ② _____, and more—must have the patience and drive to turn their ideas into reality. For example, musicians may have natural _____ ③ _____, but they still have to study and _____ ④ _____ for years in order to master their craft. Writers may have a brilliant idea for a screenplay or _____ ⑤ _____, but they typically spend long hours brainstorming and _____ ⑥ _____ on the computer. While some people would argue that what truly _____ ⑦ _____ a genius is their inspiration and ideas, there is no denying that no idea can come to reality without plenty of hard work (or perspiration):