

Word Detectives: Define from Scratch

What's my WORD?

Where did I see it? (text/page/paragraph)

WHAT to look for...

- Definition clues
- Visual clues
- Description/explanation clues
- Synonym clues
- Antonym/contrast clues
- Example clues
- Inference clues

... and WHERE

Look both ways (before and after the word).



Look both near and far. Clues won't always be in the same sentence as the word!

My BEST-GUESS DEFINITION of what the word means in this passage is...

HOW did I come to this definition? WHAT CLUES did I find in the text?

Stop and think. If I plug my definition back into the text, does it MAKE SENSE?

What's the OFFICIAL DEFINITION? Check at least two sources. Combine what you find.

How does my best-guess definition COMPARE with the official one?

I was correct because... I was partly correct because... I was off track because...

