

Types of Definition

Parenthetical Definition

Informal, subordinated in a sentence

Every batter hopes for a grand slam (four runs from one swing of the bat).
... grand slam or four runs from one swing of the bat.

Sentence (Formal) Definition

Word + (verb) + class + distinguishing characteristics

Zinfandel is a type of wine that comes from red grapes, grows well in Paso Robles, and has a sharp taste.

Expanded Definition

Formal definition + one or more of the following

- Etymology
- History and background
- Negation
- Operating principle
- Visuals
- Comparison and contrast
- Required materials or conditions
- Example
- Formal description
- Any definition more complex than parenthetical or formal