

FACADES Word Meaning Strategy

Acronym	Types of Contextual Definitions
<p style="text-align: center;">F</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Formal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Formal Definition</p> <p>A description or explanation of a word or thing <i>by</i> its attributes, properties, or relations that distinguish it from all other things.</p> <p>signal words: is, means, is called, was, were, are</p> <p>Example: abolitionists- In the years before the Civil War, abolitionists were a group of people who tried to bring slavery to an end. Men and women traveled throughout the states speaking against the evils of slavery. <i>D is for Drinking Gourd: An African-American Alphabet</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Antonym</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Antonym Definition</p> <p>A word of opposite meaning</p> <p>signal words: instead, although, but, yet, however, rather, despite, either, or</p> <p>Example: flitting- Pigeon's doing everything but sitting still. He always flitting somewhere. Just like an up-jumpy bird. <i>Fishing Day</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Compare</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Compare Definition</p> <p>1: to represent as similar: liken 2 : to examine for likenesses and differences</p> <p>signal words: like, just like, as</p> <p>Example: flitting- Pigeon's doing everything but sitting still. He always flitting somewhere. Just like an up-jumpy bird. <i>Fishing Day</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apposition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Apposition Definition</p> <p>A meaning put in parentheses or set off by commas or dash</p> <p>signal words: or, that is, is, are, called</p> <p>Example: whim: At a whim, the demoiselle would change plans, decide to get off a train unexpectedly to, perhaps, walk along a beach under the stars. <i>Eleanor</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Description</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Description Definition</p> <p>Defined in terms of appearance and attributes</p> <p>signal words: adjectives</p> <p>Example: prominent- Prominent people, including Cornelius Vanderbilt, one of the richest men in America, traveled great distances to eat at Moon's Lake House. <i>George Crum and the Saratoga Chip</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Example Definition</p> <p>Defined in terms of function</p> <p>signal words: verbs</p> <p>Example: flock: - Bessie was only five foot three inches, but she made herself out to be bigger than life. Who she think she was impressin'? The kids, maybe. I seen 'em flock to her. They'd sit around her for hours, listenin' to her stories. <i>Talkin' About Bessie: The Story About Aviator Elizabeth Coleman</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Synonym & Structural Analysis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Synonym & Structural Analysis Definitions</p> <p>Synonym- one or two words with similar meanings</p> <p>Structural- arrangement or relationship of word elements (root word, suffix or prefix).</p> <p>Example: commandeered- Then, on a moonlit May night, nine black slaves stole the Confederate commander's gunship as it lay tied to a wharf in front of Confederate headquarters in Charleston Harbor and delivered it to the American navy. ...The daring slaves had commandeered her from under the noses of twenty-one Confederate troops guarding her from just a few feet away. (synonym)</p> <p>Example: unthinkable- At first the Confederates found it unthinkable that slaves could have commandeered their finest vessel. <i>American Heroes Robert Smalls: The Boat Thief</i></p>