

Identify each method of definition as classification, development, example, or synonym.

1. Saltation means leaping.
synonym
2. A medley is an arrangement made from several different melodies.
classification
3. A mountain is a peak such as Mt. Everest, Pikes Peak, or the Matterhorn.
example
4. Natation refers to the act of swimming since it comes from the Latin *natāre*, to swim.
development
5. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
classification

Explain what is wrong with each definition below. You may use a dictionary.

6. A baseball player is a person such as Babe Ruth.
too few or not representative examples
7. A champion is a paladin.
circular (the simpler word is defined with a harder synonym)
8. A trunk is the main woody axis of a tree, the body of a human, or a large case used for packing.
ignores other uses of the word (the proboscis of an elephant, a chute or conduit, storage at the back of a car, the thorax of an insect, the main line in a communication or transportation system, a cover over the hatches of a ship, etc.)
9. The Bible says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness," which means (according to the dictionary) that we should never speak of what we want.
doesn't refer to the original language (when written, it meant conduct or behavior, not just speech)
10. A dray is a cart.
not reversible (too broad, it includes too many types of carts; a dray is actually a low and heavy cart without sides, used for hauling goods)
11. A bacterium is an organism such as *Leptospira interrogans*.
unfamiliar example

Answer each question.

12. Which method of definition is used in a dictionary?
classification
13. When a word is key to an essay, what method of definition should be used?
classification
14. Which type of definition is illustrated by defining a *utensil* with the word *tool*?
synonym
15. Which type of definition could help remove confusion in the reader's mind but might also have to be lengthy in order to be accurate?
example
16. What word does the parable of the good Samaritan define?
neighbor
17. Which type of definition does the parable of the good Samaritan illustrate?
example
18. Which type of definition does Hebrews 13:5 illustrate?
development

19. How is Hebrews 11:1 significant to definitions?
includes a definition by classification
20. “Sin is the transgression of the law” (I John 3:4) illustrates which type of definition?
synonym