

Word of the Week 09/02/13

definition

**lacking clear-
ness or definite-
ness; obscure;
indistinct**

characteristics

**adjective- con-
fusing; some-
thing that could
go either way**

ambiguous

**an ambiguous
answer- not
clear in meaning**

**when some-
thing is clear,
precise, explicit**

example

non-example

Word of the Week 09/09/13

definition

to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results, etc.

characteristics

verb- separate into parts to study relationships

analyze

The teacher analyzed the benchmark results.

to synthesize

example

non-example

Word of the Week 09/16/13

definition

to put into action; to be appropriate for use

characteristics

verb- putting something into use or requesting something

apply

He will apply to college next year.

example

not putting into action or use

non-example

Word of the Week 09/23/13

definition

an oral disagreement; a statement, reason, or fact for or against a point

characteristics

noun- discussing with opposite points of view

argument

Mom and dad had an argument about whether or not I deserve a new phone.

example

Everyone pleasantly agreed to buy me a new phone.

non-example

Word of the Week 09/30/13

definition

the group of spectators at a public event; listeners or viewers

characteristics

noun- the people reached by a book; followers of a public entertainer

audience

I wrote my essay for a teenage audience.

example

This essay is personal and no-body will ever read it.

non-example

Word of the Week 10/07/13

definition

**to arrange
in classes or
categories**

characteristics

**verb- describe
by labeling, sort
things out, color
-code items**

categorize

**Sammy cate-
gorized her
shirts by color.**

example

**Tommy's
shirts are all
mixed up.**

non-example

Word of the Week 10/14/13

definition

to examine (two or more objects, ideas, etc.) in order to note similarities and differences

characteristics

verb- associate things, find relationships, identify with, match

compare

I can compare how much two sisters look alike.

Organize by different colors

example

non-example

Word of the Week 10/21/13

definition

to put together substances or parts in order to make or build

characteristics

**verb-
build, create, make**

construct

When trying to answer a trivia question, people construct a range of possible values based on their knowledge.

**to destroy,
bring apart**

example

non-example

Word of the Week 10/28/13

definition

to compare in order to show unlikeness or differences

characteristics

verb- differentiate, discriminate, distinguish, oppose

contrast

Compare and contrast causes for extinction, past and present

Looking for similarities

example

non-example

Word of the Week 11/04/13

definition

**to tell or depict
in written or spo-
ken words; give
an account of**

characteristics

**verb- portray,
characterize,
represent; re-
count, tell, relate**

describe

**They will look at pic-
tures of these animals
and describe the simi-
larities and differences
in their appearances.**

**To narrate
events in
time.**

example

non-example

Word of the Week 11/11/13

definition

**to elaborate
or expand
in detail**

characteristics

**verb- build,
form,
elaborate**

develop

**The ethmoidal
cells begin to de-
velop during fe-
tal life.**

example

**Keeping a pro-
ject at the brain-
storming stage.**

non-example

Word of the Week 11/18/13

definition

**to perceive
the difference
in or between
things**

characteristics

**verb- separate out
two or more things,
look at and under-
stand what makes
two things different**

differentiate

**When you can look
at an original purse
and a knockout and
know the difference.**

example

**When you can pin-
point the differ-
ence between tw
brands of jeans.**

non-example

Word of the Week 12/02/13

definition

**to divide
into classes**

characteristics

**verb- show
the difference
in things**

distinguish

being able to identify the difference between oranges and tangerines

All apples are the same.

Word of the Week 12/09/13

definition

to judge or determine the significance, worth, or quality of; assess

characteristics

verb- appraise, judge, decide, or estimate something

evaluate

The teacher reviews a paper to give it a grade.

example

Taking any kind of medication when you are sick.

non-example

Word of the Week 12/16/13

definition

**to make clear
the cause or
reason of; ac-
count for**

characteristics

**verb- making the
meaning of some-
thing clear or un-
derstandable**

explain

**I cannot explain
his strange be-
havior.**

**providing no
reasons for a
particular be-
havior**

example

non-example

Word of the Week 1/06/14

definition

to set forth the opinions, feelings, etc., of (oneself), as in speaking, writing, or painting

characteristics

verb- to declare, indicate, signify something

express

He can express himself eloquently.

example

He conceals his feelings well.

non-example

Word of the Week 1/13/14

definition

**to bring into
existence;
cause to be;
produce**

characteristics

**verb- coming
up with some-
thing new, to
create or make**

generate

**The office staff
generated a list of
students eligible
for the pizza party.**

example

**not making
anything or
destroying**

non-example

Word of the Week 01/20/14

definition

**to recognize,
to make, rep-
resent to be, or
regard**

characteristics

**verb- distin-
guish, place,
know, deter-
mine.**

identify

**As students look at
the map, have them
identify the city and
some of its suburbs.**

example

**All cities can
be found in
all states.**

non-example

Word of the Week 01/27/14

definition

suggested without being directly or explicitly stated; tacitly understood

characteristics

adjective- to assume, include, signify something

implied

Order is implied in the existence of mathematical truths

Explicitly
stated

example

non-example

Word of the Week 02/03/14

definition

to conclude or judge based on evidence and good reasoning

characteristics

verb- put clues together, analyze what is not explicitly said or written

infer

The detective found a fingerprint in the suspect's room, so the detective infers the suspect is guilty.

example

Giving an opinion based answer with no evidence to support it

non-example

Word of the Week 02/10/14

definition

the action or process of producing effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of another or others

characteristics

verb/noun- incite, rouse, arouse, instigate, induce, persuade.

influence

Her mother's influence made her stay.

example

Not letting anybody's words determine your actions.

non-example

Word of the Week 02/17/14

definition

to bring out the meaning of (a dramatic work, music, etc.) by performance or execution.

characteristics

verb- to clarify or explain something

interpret

How you define words will impact how you interpret combinations of words.

I cannot get the meaning of this.

example

non-example

Word of the Week 02/24/14

definition

the way that similar or related texts influence, reflect, or differ from each other:

characteristics

adjective- relationship between and across texts

intertextual

The intertextuality between two novels with the same setting.

example

not making connections across different texts

non-example

Word of the Week 03/03/14

definition

**to demon-
strate or prove
to be just,
right, or valid**

characteristics

**verb- giving an ac-
ceptable reason or
explanation, provid-
ing evidence and sup-
port for a decision**

justify

**The student justified
each budgetary ex-
pense as necessary in
her Math homework.**

example

**criticizing, re-
tracting or tak-
ing back what
you said**

non-example

Word of the Week 03/17/14

definition

**to sys-
tematize**

characteristics

**verb-to form a
whole from in-
terdependent
parts**

organize

**I organized the
files from my
teacher's cabi-
net.**

example

**The filing cabinet
contains papers
that are all mixed
up.**

non-example

Word of the Week 03/24/14

definition

**convincing,
compelling,
forceful**

characteristics

**adjective-able,
fitted, or in-
tended to con-
vince**

persuasive

**Her argument
was so persuasive
the judge ruled
in her favor.**

example

**Opinions are not
persuasive if they
are not sup-
ported by facts.**

non-example

Word of the Week 03/31/14

definition

**to declare
or tell in
advance**

characteristics

**verb- to know or
tell (usually cor-
rectly) before-
hand what will
happen**

predict

**Satellite data is
the only way to
predict storms**

example

**I already know we
will have a test this
Friday because the
teacher told us.**

non-example

Word of the Week 04/07/14

definition

comparative relation between things or magnitudes as to size, quantity, number,

characteristics

noun-comparison, share, distribution, arrangement

proportion

The amount of power generated increased in proportion to the number of drop-lets used.

example

The absolute amount of something compared to nothing but itself.

non-example

Word of the Week 04/14/14

definition

The relation between two quantities expressed as the quotient of one divided by the other

characteristics

noun- percentage, correlation, rate

ratio

The staff/student ratio at our campus is great compared with an average 1:45 in many foreign schools.

example

Something represented as a whole.

non-example

Word of the Week 04/21/14

definition

to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics

characteristics

**verb-
acknowledge, appreciate, understand, grant, concede.**

recognize

I recognized him from the description.

example

Not accepting the need for something, or unable to identify something

non-example

Word of the Week 04/28/14

definition

to bring into or establish association, connection, or relation

characteristics

verb- to tell, report, or describe in some detail an occurrence or circumstance

relate

Insufficient consumption of water is directly related to fatigue.

example

Hypnosis can be used to relax and calm and then dissociate you from the situation giving rise to the anxiety.

non-example

Word of the Week 05/05/14

definition

**a decision or determination;
a resolve**

characteristics

noun- resolve, determination, perseverance, tenacity; strength, fortitude

resolution

The terms of any delegation should be approved by a resolution of the board.

example

I cannot find a solution to my problem.

non-example

Word of the Week 05/12/14

definition

to make less complex or complicated; make plainer or easier

characteristics

verb-to make less complicated, clearer, or easier

simplify

To simplify a problem.

Gaby reduced the fractions into simpler form.

example

non-example

Word of the Week 05/19/14

definition

**to tell or write
briefly about
the main ideas
in a selection**

characteristics

**verb- it is short,
it includes only
the most im-
portant details**

summarize

**To explain
what happened
in a movie**

**retelling every
detail in every
chapter of a
book**

example

non-example

Word of the Week 05/26/14

definition

to combine (a number of things) into a coherent whole

characteristics

verb- combining to form a new, complex product

synthesize

The movie synthesized years of sports' history.

example

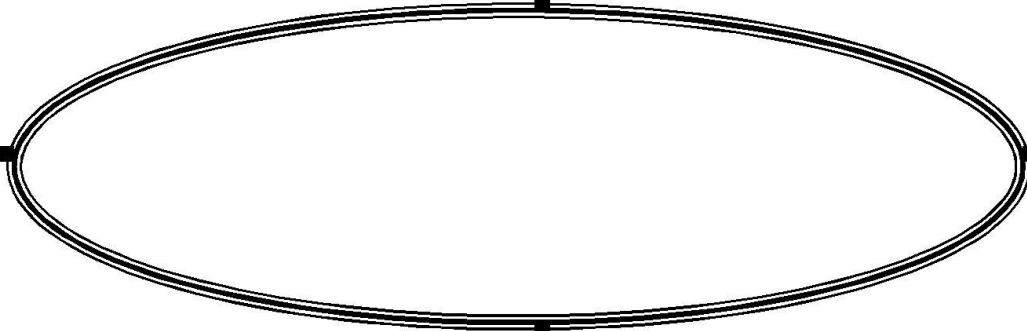
including all the details, information or parts of something

non-example

Word of the Week

definition

characteristics



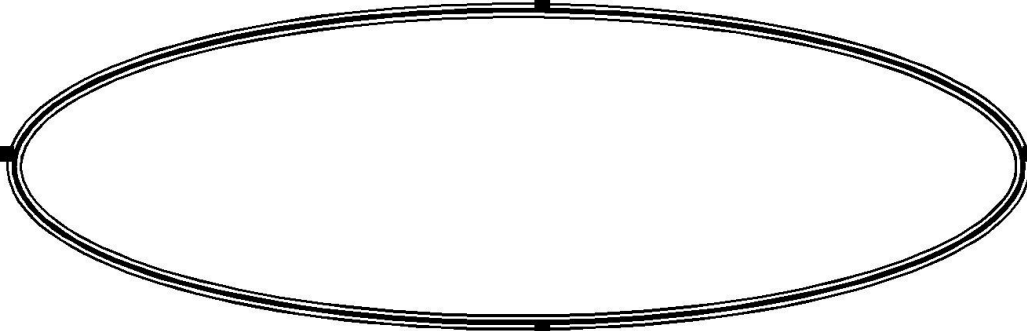
example

non-example

Word of the Week

definition

characteristics



example

non-example