

6.27 Definitions

Topic: Conservation
Subtopic: Climate change
Activity type/skill: Word meanings
Literacy focus: Vocabulary

Objective

- Consolidate understanding of target vocabulary.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)

What to do

1. Look at the student worksheet and explain to students that a definition is a statement that explains the meaning of a word or phrase.
2. Look back at the word lists and talk about the sentences that are definitions and the sentences that give examples of the use of words.
3. In the column headed Definition 1, have students write their own definition of the words in the left-hand column, draw a picture to define the word or write the word in their own language.
4. Dictate the following definitions for students to write under Definition 2. Deliver the definitions as you would for any dictation, allowing plenty of time for students to write, then repeating for them to check their work. Alternatively, you could make an enlarged photocopy of words and definitions, cut it into strips and divide them among the students. They could then take turns to say the word and dictate the definition for the others to write.

to prevent	to stop something happening
to be responsible for	to cause
efficient	working well with no waste
to absorb	to soak up
agriculture	a system of farming animals and crops
to die	to stop living
to contain	to have inside
to destroy	to damage so there is nothing left
a quantity	an amount
to reach	to get to where you are going
the source	where something comes from
to reduce	to make less of something

5. When you have finished dictating, have students work in pairs to compare their own definitions with the ones they have just written. The wording may not be exactly the same, but they should be satisfied that the meaning is the same.
6. Have students fold under the Word column on the left so that they cannot see the words. Then ask them to read the definitions and write the word that has been defined in the Word column on the right.
7. Finally, unfold the page and check that they have the same word in each Word column. Make sure that they have used the correct part of speech to match the definition.

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Word	Definition 1	Definition 2	Word
to prevent			
to be responsible (for)			
efficient			
to absorb			
agriculture			
to die			
to contain			
to destroy			
a quantity			
to reach			
the source			
to reduce			