

Clue Type Detectives

Part 2 PROVE IT: Pick two items. State each bold word's meaning and name the clue that helped.

6L4 "Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies."

NAME _____

DATE _____

DEFINITION CLUE

A definition clue directly tells what a word means.
Look for words such as is, means, or, and meaning.

A **glacier** is a huge, slow-moving mass of ice.

EXAMPLE CLUE

An example clue gives members or instances of a group. Use the examples to infer what the word means.

Constellations include Orion, Ursa Major, and Scorpius.

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1 SORT: Read each sentence, infer the bold word's meaning, then circle DEFINITION or EXAMPLE.

1. The thin ice was **fragile**, meaning it could break easily.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

2. To **retrieve** something means to bring it back.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

3. A **conifer** may be a pine, fir, or spruce.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

4. A **generous** person gives freely to others.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

5. The Hawaiian Islands, the Bahamas, and the Philippines are **archipelagos**.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

6. **Amphibians** include frogs, salamanders, and newts.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

7. The cave was **gloomy**, or dark and hard to see in.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

8. The old bridge was **unstable**, not steady or safe to stand on.

DEFINITION

EXAMPLE

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one sentence with a definition clue and one sentence with an example clue. Underline the word whose meaning a reader can infer.

DEFINITION _____

EXAMPLE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both a definition clue and an example clue for the same bold word. Underline the definition clue and put brackets around the examples.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The thin ice was fragile , meaning it could break easily.	DEFINITION	The phrase “could break easily” directly defines fragile.
2	To retrieve something means to bring it back.	DEFINITION	The sentence directly defines retrieve as bring back.
3	A conifer may be a pine, fir, or spruce.	EXAMPLE	Pine, fir, and spruce are examples that show a conifer is a type of tree.
4	A generous person gives freely to others.	DEFINITION	The phrase “gives freely to others” directly defines generous.
5	The Hawaiian Islands, the Bahamas, and the Philippines are archipelagos .	EXAMPLE	The named places are examples that show archipelagos are groups of islands.
6	Amphibians include frogs, salamanders, and newts.	EXAMPLE	Frogs, salamanders, and newts are examples of amphibians.
7	The cave was gloomy , or dark and hard to see in.	DEFINITION	The words “dark and hard to see in” directly define gloomy.
8	The old bridge was unstable , not steady or safe to stand on.	DEFINITION	The phrase “not steady or safe to stand on” directly defines unstable.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DEFINITION:** A timid person is shy and easily frightened.
- **EXAMPLE:** Pollinators include bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Challenge: A **herbivore** is an animal that eats plants, such as [deer], [rabbits], and [cows].

Accept a reasonable inferred meaning in Part 2 when the student points to the direct definition or the listed examples. Item classifications and specific meanings are provided in the item reasons.