Clue Type Detective

Sort the clues that help explain bold words.

5.LF.3 "Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies."

NAME _____ DATE _____

DEFINITION CLUE

Nearby words tell what the bold word means.

An **archipelago** is a group of islands.

EXAMPLE CLUE

Nearby words give examples that help you understand the bold word.

The chef used **spices**, including cumin and paprika.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle DEFINE or EXAMPLE to show how the sentence helps explain the bold word.

1. A **canopy** is a cover that hangs over a place. DEFINE EXAMPLE
2. The word **ancient** means very old. DEFINE EXAMPLE
3. We packed **protective gear**, for example, helmets and knee pads. DEFINE EXAMPLE
4. We hung **ornaments**, such as glass balls and paper stars, on the tree. DEFINE EXAMPLE
5. A **fossil** is a preserved trace or part of an ancient living thing. DEFINE EXAMPLE
6. We used **navigation tools**, such as a compass and a map, to find the campsite. DEFINE EXAMPLE
7. A **migration** is a move from one region to another. DEFINE EXAMPLE
8. The store sells **footwear**: boots, sandals, and sneakers. DEFINE EXAMPLE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew its clue type.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a definition clue and one with an example clue; underline the words that give each clue.

DEFINE _____

EXAMPLE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that uses an example clue without using 'such as,' 'like,' or 'including.'

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.LF.3

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A **canopy** is a cover that hangs over a place.	**DEFINE**	The words after 'is' state what a canopy is.
2	The word **ancient** means very old.	**DEFINE**	'Very old' states the meaning of ancient.
3	We packed **protective gear**, for example, helmets and knee pads.	**EXAMPLE**	Helmets and knee pads are examples of protective gear.
4	We hung **ornaments**, such as glass balls and paper stars, on the tree.	**EXAMPLE**	Glass balls and paper stars are examples of ornaments.
5	A **fossil** is a preserved trace or part of an ancient living thing.	**DEFINE**	The words after 'is' state what a fossil is.
6	We used **navigation tools**, such as a compass and a map, to find the campsite.	**EXAMPLE**	A compass and a map are examples of navigation tools.
7	A **migration** is a move from one region to another.	**DEFINE**	The words after 'is' state what a migration is.
8	The store sells **footwear**: boots, sandals, and sneakers.	**EXAMPLE**	Boots, sandals, and sneakers are examples of footwear.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew its clue type.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DEFINE**: A **peninsula** is land with water on three sides.
- **EXAMPLE**: We saw **insects**, including ants, beetles, and grasshoppers, under the log.

Challenge: Several **amphibians** lived near the pond: frogs, toads, and salamanders.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the words stating a meaning or listing examples. For Part 3 and the challenge, check that each clue helps clarify the bold word.