

Writing Definitions

Never use *where* or *when* in a definition

Use a **category** word in each definition

Bad example:

Photosynthesis is *when* a plant makes food

A leaf is *where* a plant makes food

Good examples:

Photosynthesis is a *chemical process* that is used by plants to convert light into chemical energy.

A pencil is a *tool* used for writing

A car is a *vehicle* used to transport people.

The mitochondria are *cell organelles* used to extract energy from food

An amino acid is a *chemical* used in the building of proteins

Cellulose is the *complex carbohydrate* that makes up the walls of plant cells