

DEFINITION AND MEANING EXERCISE 1 & 2

1. Provide at least one illustration of each of the following types of definition:

- a. Lexical
- b. Stipulative
- c. Theoretical
- d. Denotative
- e. Connotative
- f. Genus and Differentia

2. Which of the following definitions are adequate as genus and differentia definitions and which are not? In the case of those that are not adequate, which of the five standards discussed in your reading on definition and meaning are not satisfied?

- a. Bachelor = unmarried man
- b. Human beings = animals that have two arms and two legs
- c. Time keeper = someone who keeps time
- d. Truth = a ray of light
- e. Falsehood = something that is not true
- f. Triangle – Three-sided closed figure
- g. Human being = rational animal
- h. Game = activity in which two or more people compete in order to win
- i. Love = a positive or caring feeling
- j. Father = male parent

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Why is it important to define your terms?

Why is it important to avoid vague and ambiguous language?