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| **Definition**  | The author provides a direct definition of an unfamiliar word, right in the sentence.  
• SIGNAL WORDS: is, are, means, refers to                                             | A **conga** is a barrel-shaped drum.                                                                                                            |
| **Appositive Definition** | A type of definition clue. An appositive is a word or phrase that defines or explains an unfamiliar word that comes before it.  
• SIGNAL WORD: or  
• SIGNAL PUNCTUATION: set off by commas                                              | At night you can see **constellations**, or groups of stars, in the sky.                                                                        |
| **Synonym**     | The author uses another word or phrase that is similar in meaning, or can be compared, to an unfamiliar word.  
• SIGNAL WORDS: also, as, identical, like, likewise, resembling, same, similarly, too | My dog Buck travels everywhere with me. My friend’s **canine** buddy travels everywhere with him, too.                                         |
| **Antonym**     | The author uses another word or phrase that means about the opposite of, or is in contrast with, an unfamiliar word.  
• SIGNAL WORDS: but, however, in contrast, instead of, on the other hand, though, unlike | I thought the movie would be weird, but it turned out to be totally **mundane**.                                                            |
| **Example**     | The author provides several words or ideas that are examples of an unfamiliar word.  
• SIGNAL WORDS: for example, for instance, including, like, such as                    | In science we are studying **marine mammals such as** whales, dolphins, and porpoises.                                                      |
| **General**     | The author provides some nonspecific clues to the meaning of an unfamiliar word, often spread over several sentences. | Einstein rode his bike everywhere. He thought driving a car was way too **complicated**.                                                      |