

Context Clues - Definition Clues



Definition clues use commas, brackets, dashes and words such as is, are, or etc., to explain the meaning of new or unfamiliar words in sentences, paragraphs etc.

e.g.

Helium, a colourless gas, is often used to fill balloons.

What is helium?

The meaning of the word helium is placed between two commas just after.

That is, **helium is a colourless gas.**

In the following sentences use definition clues to find the meaning of the underlined words. Click the boxes to select your answers.

1. Many caverns or large caves can be found under the ground.
2. The harsh, rough, weather is cold and unbearable.
3. Serpents also called snakes, are cold blooded animals.
4. Foreigners, people who live in other countries, often visit our island.
5. The show will commence or start at 5 p.m., next Sunday.
6. Herbivores, such as cows and goats, are animals that eat plants only.
7. Grand Mesa is the largest mesa (flat-topped mountain) in the world.
8. Droughts or long periods without rain, can destroy agricultural crops.
9. A deluge is a flood caused by heavy rainfall.
10. Agony or pain is an unpleasant, nasty, feeling.

