

## Purposes and Types of Definition

### **Stipulative**

introduces unusual or unfamiliar words, to coin new words, or to introduce new meaning to a familiar word

### **Explanatory**

explains, illustrates, or disclose important aspects of difficult concepts

### **Precising Definition**

reduces the vagueness of a word and eliminates ambiguity

### **Persuasive**

influence the attitudes of the reader

### **Definitions**

#### **Common Forms**

**by example:** points, names, describe some or more examples

**by synonym:** gives another word or phrase that means the same thing

**analytical definition:** includes in a class or shows class differences