

# Using a Concept Definition Map

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# Concept Definition Map

What is it?

Category

Category

What is it like?

Property

Property

Property

Property

Property

Property

Property

Property

Main Concept

Main Concept

What are some examples ?

Illustration

Illustration

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New Definition

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# Concept Definition Map *(Student Sample)*

## What is it?

A star in our solar system

Category

## What is it like?

A medium-sized star

Property

Hottest and brightest object in our solar system

Property

One million Earths can fit inside it

Property

Has darker, cooler spaces called sunspots

Property

The Sun's Place in Our Solar System

Main Concept

## What are some examples ?

Nine planets travel around it

Illustration

Comets and asteroids travel around it

Illustration

The biggest object in our system

Illustration

**New Definition** Everything in our solar system moves around the sun. It is the hottest, brightest, and biggest object in our solar system.

# Concept Definition Map *(Student Sample)*

## What is it?

The spinning winds of a tornado

Category

## What is it like?

Can shimmer in the light

Property

Can change color from white to black, or dark gray

Property

Winds twist counter-clockwise

Property

Can pull up water (water spout)

Property

Tornado Funnels

Main Concept

## What are some examples ?

Touch down on earth

Illustration

Stay up in the clouds

Illustration

Jump from one point to another

Illustration

**New Definition** A tornado funnel can be many colors—white, gray, or black.  
The funnel spins counter-clockwise and can pick up water in its path.

# Concept Definition Map *(Student Sample)*

## What is it?

House where the President of the United States lives

Category

## What is it like?

Filled with furniture more than 100 years old

Property

Each president orders special things for it

Property

There are 132 rooms in all

Property

There are 7 rooms open to people for visits

Property

Rooms in the White House

Main Concept

## What are some examples ?

The State Dining room  
(holds 140 people)

Illustration

The East Room  
is the biggest room

Illustration

The Oval Office is the  
office of the president

Illustration

**New Definition** The rooms in the White House are filled with objects from past presidents. People can visit a part of the White House, but most of the rooms are private.

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# Concept Definition Map *(Student Sample)*

**What is it?**

Something bad that happens to the Earth naturally

Category

**What is it like?**

People cannot stop it

Property

Breaks and destroys houses

Property

Harmful to plants, animals, and people

Property

Can be unpredictable

Property

Natural Disaster

Main Concept

**What are some examples ?**

Tornado

Illustration

Earthquake

Illustration

Hurricane

Illustration

**New Definition** Something that is created by the Earth that is harmful to people, plants, and animals.

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