

Working Out a New Word

3rd Grade

Four kinds of clue writers leave, so you can read on instead of stopping.

You rarely need a dictionary mid-sentence. The writer usually leaves a clue.

Clue	How to spot it	Example
Definition	the meaning is right there	a herbivore, an animal that eats only plants
Example	such as, including, like	citrus fruits such as lemons and limes
Opposite	but, however, unlike	not timid but bold
General sense	the rest of the sentence	the arid desert had no water for miles

Guess, keep reading, and check whether the guess still works two sentences later.