

WRITING ASSIGNMENT 2

Write a paragraph that defines one of the following terms. Each term refers to a certain kind of person.



Artist	Darwin Award winner	Idealist	Philanthropist
Beauty	Fair-weather friend	Intellect	Procrastinator
Brainiac	Feminist	Introvert	Pushover
Charmer	Flirt	Know-it-all	Romantic
Chocoholic	Friend-padder	Leader	Self-promoter
Compliment-seeker	Geek	Manipulator	Showoff
Con-artist	Genius	Optimist	Slacker
Control freak	Good neighbor	Pack rat	Snob
Coward	Good sport	Pessimist	Workaholic

PREWRITING

a. Write a topic sentence for your definition paragraph. This is a two-part process:

- *First*, place the term in a class, or category. For example, if you are writing about a certain kind of person, the general category is *person*. If you are describing a type of friend, the general category is *friend*.
- *Second*, describe what you consider the special feature or features that set your term apart from other members of its class. For instance, say what *kind* of person you are writing about or what *type* of friend.

In the following topic sentence, try to identify three things: the term being defined, the class it belongs to, and the special feature that sets the term apart from other members of the class.

A chocoholic is a person who craves chocolate.

The term being defined is *chocoholic*. The category it belongs to is *person*. The words that set *chocoholic* apart from any other person are *craves chocolate*.

Below is another example of a topic sentence for this assignment. It is a definition of *whiner*. The class, or category, is underlined: A whiner is a type of person. The words that set the term *whiner* apart from other members of the class are double-underlined.

A whiner is a person who feels wronged by life.

In the following sample topic sentences, underline the class and double-underline the special features.

A shopaholic is a person who needs new clothes to be happy.

The class clown is a student who gets attention through silly behavior.

A worrywart is a person who sees danger everywhere.

b. Develop your definition by using one of the following methods:

Examples. Give several examples that support your topic sentence.