

# Creating a Glossary Strategy

## Video 3 - Step 3

### ***TEACHER***

Welcome to Step 3 of the Creating a Glossary strategy!  
Step 3 is: Define the Words...

In this step you will add a definition to the word you just put into your glossary.

You will need to find and add definitions for each of the words you put in your glossary.

First, look to see if the word is defined in your text. (Sometimes the definition is right there in the sentence!)  
If not, use the online dictionary tool to find a definition for the word.

### ***STUDENT***

Ok, I need to find a definition for this word.  
It doesn't seem to be defined in the text, so I'll use the dictionary tool to look it up.

### ***TEACHER***

Once you find a good definition for the word,  
Copy and paste it as a subtopic below the word you're looking up .

Then check to make sure the definition helps you to understand the word.

### ***STUDENT***

Ok, now that I have a definition for this word, I'll add it to my glossary.

Now I will go back to my reading and make sure the definition helps me understand the word I didn't know.

### ***TEACHER***

Continue reading and adding words to your glossary. For each word, add a definition that helps you to understand what that word means. To find the definitions, look in the text, or use the dictionary tool.

***STUDENT***

Hmmm, here is another word I don't know.  
Looks like the definition is right here in the sentence. Guess I will use this definition.

Reading the definition helps, but I am still not sure I understand.

***TEACHER***

Sometimes the definition isn't enough. In this case, maybe a translation will help.

Use the translation tool to find out what the word means in Spanish and add it to the outline as a subtopic.

***STUDENT***

Guess I will look up the **translation** of this word.  
Then I will put the translation into my glossary.

Ohh, I get it. Now I understand what the word means.

***TEACHER***

When you have finished putting words and definitions into your glossary you are ready for Step 4 of the Creating a Glossary strategy-- Study the Words!