

# Using a Concept Definition Map

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# Concept Definition Map

What is it?

Category

What is it like?

Property

Property

Property

Property

What are some examples ?

Illustration

Illustration

Illustration

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

**What are some examples ?**

Nine planets travel around it

Illustration

Comets and asteroids travel around it

Illustration

The biggest object in our system

Illustration

The Sun's Place in  
Our Solar System

Main Concept

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

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# 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.

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# 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.