definition

[ˌdefɪˈnɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. определение, дефиниция толкование
   clear definition - ясное определение
   the definition of the term - определение термина
   problem definition - постановка задачи, формулировка задачи
   to give a definition - дать определение
   actions that fall under the definition of murder - действия, которые квалифицируются как убийство
2. 1) ясность, чёткость; определённость
   an emotion beyond definition - неясное /неосознанное/ чувство
   2) *радио* ясная слышимость, отсутствие помех
   3) *фото, тлв.* чёткость, резкость изображения
   negative with fine definition - чёткий негатив
   bad definition - нечёткость изображения

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def·in·ition AW [definition definitions] *BrE* [ˌdefɪˈnɪʃn]   *NAmE* [ˌdefɪˈnɪʃn]

noun

1. countable, uncountable an explanation of the meaning of a word or phrase, especially in a dictionary; the act of stating the meanings of words and phrases
   • clear simple definitions
   • Neighbours **by definition** live close by (= this is what being a neighbour means) .

2. countable what an idea, etc. means
   • What's your definition of happiness?
   • There is no agreed definition of what a comprehensive school should be.

3. uncountable the quality of being clear and easy to see
   • The definition of the digital TV pictures is excellent.

Word Origin:
late Middle English: from Latin definitio(n-), from the verb definire **'set bounds to'**, from de- (expressing completion) + finire **'finish'**

Thesaurus:
   definition noun C, U
   • What's your definition of happiness?
   interpretation • • **understanding** • • **reading** •
      a **clear/precise/narrow/broad/wide/conventional** definition/interpretation/understanding
      different definitions/interpretations/understandings/readings
      give/provide a/an definition/interpretation
   Which word? Definition is used most often to talk about an explanation of the meaning of a word, especially in a dictionary. **Interpretation** is used especially to talk about understanding what happened or what sth means: **interpretation of data/information/results/the law/dreams**. **Understanding** is used especially to talk about understanding how sth works or what problems are involved **an understanding of a process/a relationship/an issue**. **Reading** is used especially to talk about understanding a written text: **my reading of the text/poem/novel**

Language Bank:
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Defining terms
   It is important to clarify what is meant by ▪ climate change.
   ▪ Climate change **can** ▪ / **may be defined as** ▪ 'the long-term fluctuations in temperature, precipitation, wind and other aspects of the earth's climate'.
   A generally accepted definition of ▪ global warming **is** ▪ the gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere due to the greenhouse effect.
   ▪ The greenhouse effect **is defined** ▪ by the author **as** ▪ the process by which heat from the sun is trapped in the earth's atmosphere, causing the temperature of the earth to rise.
   ▪ The author **uses the term** ▪ climate change **to refer to** ▪ any significant change in measures of climate lasting for an extended period.
   The term ▪ 'carbon footprint' **refers to** ▪ the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of the activities of an individual or organization.
   ▪ Scientists suggest that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will result in an increase in global temperatures, and **the term** ▪ 'global warming' **is used** ▪ to describe this phenomenon.
   Language Bank at ↑first

Example Bank:
   • According to a strict definition of 'assault', she was not assaulted.
   • According to a strict definition, the expenses of a self-employed person can be deducted from tax.
   • He has expanded the definition of sculpture.
   • She refused to accept the definition of woman as man's subordinate.
   • The author provides a clear definition of cultural awareness.
   • The firm falls within the statutory definition of a 'small company'.

- The mathematical definition of an even number is one that is exactly divisible by 2.
- The term 'partner' requires careful definition.
- They have adopted a very narrow definition of success.
- This unusual building barely fits the definition of a house.
- Under the broader definition of 'poverty', thousands more people would be included.
- We need a good working definition of 'pollution'.
- Neighbours by definition live close by.
- The dictionary provides clear, simple definitions.
- There is no agreed definition of what is meant by a 'young person' in this context.
- What's your definition of happiness?

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def‧i‧ni‧tion S2 W2 AC /ˌdefəˈnɪʃən, ˌdefɪˈnɪʃən/ *BrE* ˮ *AmE* ˮ *noun*

[Word Family: verb: ↑define; noun: ↑definition; adverb: ↑definitely ≠ ↑indefinitely; adjective: ↑definite ≠ ↑indefinite]

1. [countable] a phrase or sentence that says exactly what a word, phrase, or idea means ⇨ **define** :
- a dictionary definition

definition of
- There are many definitions of the word 'feminism'.

definition of something as something
- the definition of God as infinite

2. **by definition** if something has a particular quality by definition, it must have that quality because all things of that type have it:
- People say that students are by definition idealistic and impatient.

3. [uncountable] the clear edges, shapes, or sound that something has:
- technologies such as high definition television
- good muscle definition
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COLLOCATIONS

■ADJECTIVES/NOUN + definition

- **clear/precise** The head teacher gave us a precise definition of the school's aims.
- **broad** *(=including a lot of general ideas)* This is a very broad definition of what poetry is.
- **narrow** *(=including only a few ideas)* Some psychiatrists still use a very narrow definition of mental illness.
- **the dictionary definition** Some doctors don't accept the dictionary definition of euthanasia, and want to create different categories of assisted death.
- **the legal definition of something** What is the legal definition of manslaughter?

■verbs

- **give a definition** Can you give me a definition of 'psychology'?
- **extend/broaden/widen a definition** *(=make it include more ideas)* The new law has broadened the definition of terrorism.

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