

VOCABULARY EXPLANATION EXERCISE

EXPLANATION STRATEGIES	
Instead of giving a dictionary <u>definition</u> or translation of vocabulary, give a helpful <u>explanation</u> .	
Category	“It’s a kind of...”
Example	“A, B, and C are kinds of...”
Image (where/when/who)	“They are usually in...[place/country]” “They are used/done by...[type of person]” “You often see these during...[time/season]”
Contrast (opposites)	“...is the opposite of...”
Comparison (similar things)	“...is like a...”
Uses	“You use it for A, B, and C...”
Other (non-verbal)	Use hand gestures. Use your body/face. (If nothing else works...) Draw a picture.

POLITE INTERRUPTIONS	
It’s okay to ask for an explanation when you don’t understand something...but be polite!	
(1)[Wait for a pause or the end of the sentence]	(4) “Could you please explain?” “Could you please tell me what it is?”
(2)“I’m sorry...” / “Excuse me, but...”	(5) [Listen to the explanation]
(3)“I don’t know what ... means” / “I don’t understand...” / “I am not familiar with ...”	(6) “Thank you!” / “Oh, I see.” / “I understand now.”