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Defining Words for Grade 3

Defining words means explaining what a word means in your own words or finding the meaning of unknown words. Good readers use different strategies to figure out what new words mean.

1. "The ancient castle was built over 500 years ago." What does "ancient" mean?

- A. Very new
- B. Very big
- C. Very old
- D. Very small

2. "The fragile vase broke easily when it fell off the table." What does "fragile" mean?

- A. Very heavy
- B. Easily broken
- C. Very expensive
- D. Very colorful

3. "The musician played a melody on her guitar. The tune was beautiful." What does "melody" mean?

- A. A musical tune
- B. A loud noise
- C. A type of guitar
- D. A song with words

