

Useful Words and Grammatical Constructions

Definitions

Structure and Vocabulary Aid

A Frequently used verb forms for definitions

Present Simple (Active and Passive)

X is ...
X means ...
X describes ...
X is defined as ...
X is used ...

e.g. A dialect is a variety of language.
It is spoken in one part of a country.

B Relative clauses

Relative clauses are often used to qualify or give extra information, e.g.

An X is someone who sells Y.

Y is something which is produced by Z.

C Useful verbs:

X is concerned with
X deals with
X relates to
X involves Y