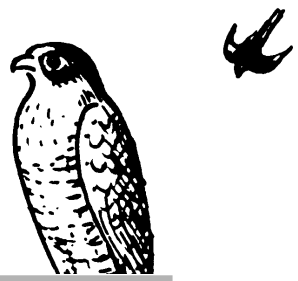


# What Kind? What Difference?



**mayfly** *NOUN* **mayflies**  
an insect that lives for only a short time, in spring

A useful way to define something is to say what it is like (its *kind*), and then what makes it special (its *difference* or *differences*). For example:

WORD	KIND	DIFFERENCES
mayfly	insect	lives for only a short time, in spring

1 What kinds and what differences does the dictionary give in its definition of these words? Continue the table.

hangar		
fern		
gondola		
measles		
lagoon		

2 The word for a kind is often called a *general* term. With the help of the dictionary, put the following words in order with the most general one first.

fungus, mushroom, plant

snail, animal, gastropod

mineral, zinc, metal, substance

biology, science, botany, subject

linnet, bird, finch

cereal, grass, plant, barley, organism

3 Write your own short definitions for the following, saying what kind of thing each one is and what makes it different.

skyscraper

dictionary

submarine