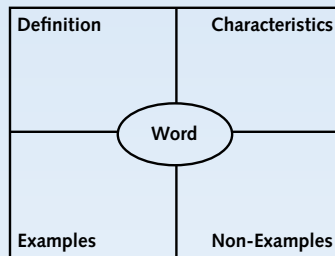


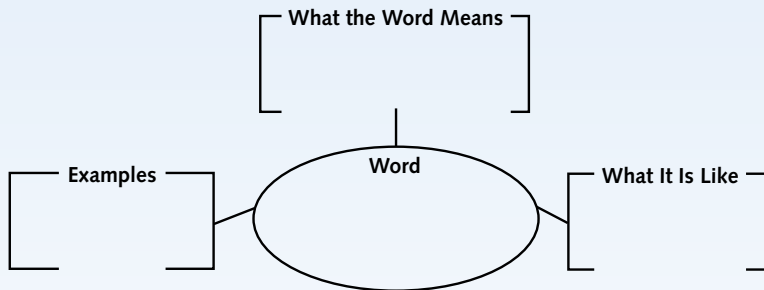
## Graphic Organizers

Students can use graphic organizers to visually represent dimensions of word meanings and build connections between groups of semantically connected words. There are many different types of graphic organizers that you can choose from.

1. A **Word Square** is a graphic way for students to think about a word from a variety of angles, both by defining it and by giving examples and characteristics. The non-example square helps students better understand what something is by thinking about what it is not.



2. A **Definition Map** is a variation on the Word Square concept. Students discuss what they know about a word before reading and then add to or correct the map during reading.



3. A **Word Wheel** is useful for words with complex definitions that students can't sketch or show visually. It allows students to write a number of details about a word, along with a definition. Write a Key Vocabulary word in the center oval. Have students look through the chapter to find examples, characteristics, and descriptive words that may be associated with the vocabulary word.

