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**How?**

- Assign the concept or word to be studied.
- Explain all of the attributes of the Frayer model (a graphic organizer) to be completed.
- Use an easy word or concept and complete the graphic organizer with the entire class.
- Have students work in pairs and complete their graphic organizer of the Frayer model using the assigned concept or word.
- Have students share their work with other students. Post these completed graphic organizers so that students can refer to the concepts or words being studied in the unit.
- Add additional concepts or words as needed.

**Sample**

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Definition       Characteristics

Examples         Non-Examples
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