

## Defining Concepts

Showing that you are giving a definition of a term "your term", you need to use specific defining words for that such as

- ◆ "Your term" **can be defined as** .....
- ◆ "Your term" **refers to** .....
- ◆ "Your term" **means** .....
- ◆ "Your term" **designates** .....
- ◆ "Your term" **can be described as** .....
- ◆ "Your term" **is** .....

As you cannot give definitions for terms and concepts by yourself, you have to refer to dictionaries to look them up.

However, in the age of technology, the search engine, Google, understands it well when you submit a word for definition. This is the way you get definition with the help of Google.

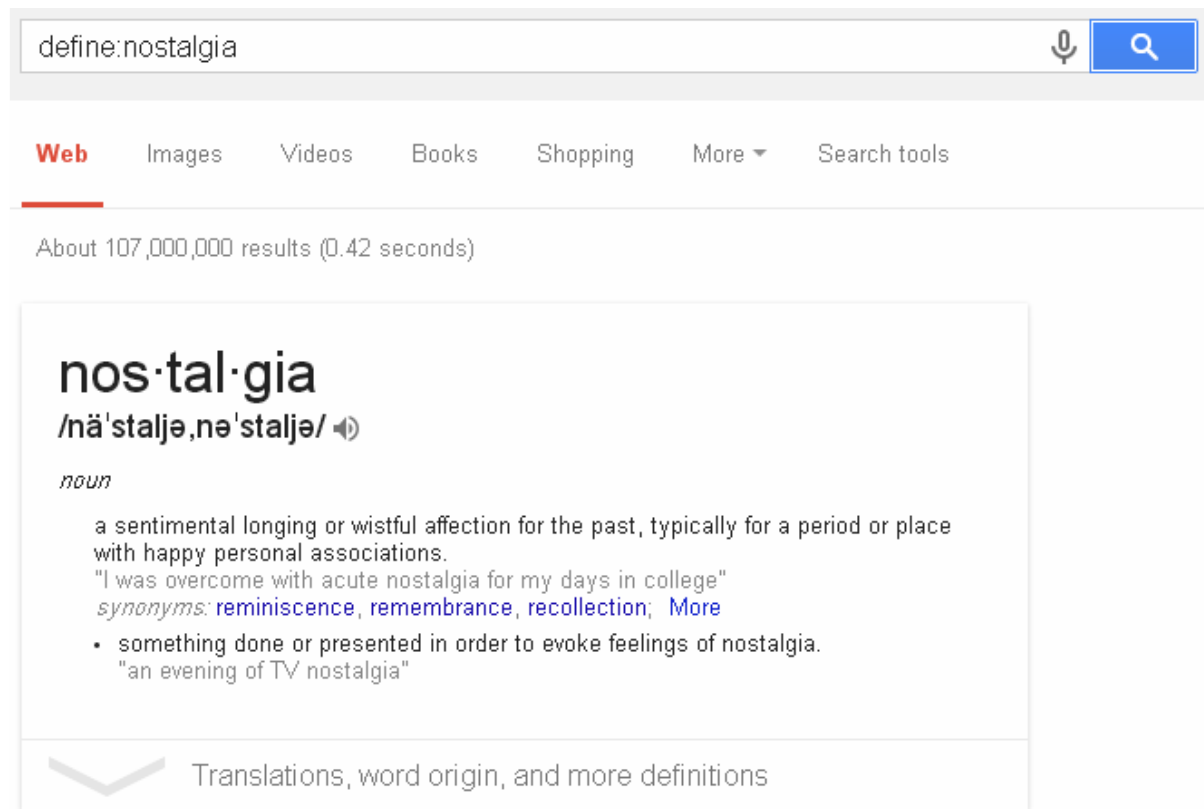
*Imagine you want to get a definition for the word "nostalgia", first you open the browser*



*Then you submit the following as shown below and click "Google Search",*



*Google will immediately respond, and this is what you'll get*



The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text 'define:nostalgia'. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for 'Web', 'Images', 'Videos', 'Books', 'Shopping', 'More', and 'Search tools'. The search results show 'About 107,000,000 results (0.42 seconds)'. The main content area displays the word 'nos·tal·gia' with its phonetic transcription '/nəˈstɑljə, nəˈstɑljə/' and a speaker icon. Below this, it is identified as a 'noun' and defined as 'a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.' An example sentence is provided: 'I was overcome with acute nostalgia for my days in college'. Synonyms listed are 'reminiscence, remembrance, recollection; More'. A bulleted list includes 'something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia' and 'an evening of TV nostalgia'. At the bottom, there is a link for 'Translations, word origin, and more definitions'.

*All that you need to do is inserting one of the expressions listed above*

- ☛ **Nostalgia can be defined as** a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.
- ☛ **Nostalgia refers to** a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.
- ☛ **Nostalgia means** a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.
- ☛ **Nostalgia designates** a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.
- ☛ **Nostalgia can be described as** a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.
- ☛ **Nostalgia is** a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations.