## DEFINITIONS

## 1 Make a „definition formula":

A fractal is a geometric shape that can be split into parts, each of which is a copy of the whole.


2 Study the common grammar structures used in definitions and complete the terms which are defined.

| Term = class of concepts + specific feature(s) | Grammar |
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| ............................. is an integer which is divisible by two. | Relative clause (that, which, who, where, ...) |
| $\qquad$ is a branch of mathematics dealing with the study of numbers, especially the properties of the traditional operations. | -ing structure |
| $\qquad$ is a number reached by adding all numbers in a set. | -ed structure |
| $\qquad$ is a quantity with two characteristics, a magnitude and a direction. | Prepositional phrase |
| Term = specific feature(s) + class of concepts |  |
| ............................. is the most frequent value in a set. | Adjectives |

## 3 What is wrong with the following "definitions"? Improve them.

Primes are numbers.
Platonic figures are amazing.
Parabola looks like a rainbow.
A cone has one vertex.

## 4 Complete the definitions:

| Geometry is | a locus of all points in the plane such | that the values of two mathematical expressions are equal. |
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| An equation is |  | dealing with the relations of the sides and angles of triangles and with the relevant functions of any angles. |
| Trigonometry is | a branch of mathematics | concerned with the properties and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids, and higher dimensional analogues. |
| An ellipse is | a statement | that the difference between the distance to two fixed points is constant. |
| A theorem is |  | that the sum of the distances from two fixed points is a constant. |
| A hyperbola is |  | that can be demonstrated to be true by accepted mathematical operations and arguments. |

## 5 Define the following terms:

An axiom can be explained as $\qquad$
A matrix can be explained as $\qquad$
Iteration can be explained as $\qquad$
Recursion can be explained as $\qquad$

