UNDERSTANDING WORDS IN CONTEXT
A. Using the verb “to be”

The object following the verb “to be” is frequently used to identify the subject.

Example: (1) A salmon is a fish.

The meaning of “salmon” is a fish.

Now, study the exercises on page 281, no. 1-5.
B. Using Appositives

A noun or noun group which follows a noun and is set off by commas is an appositive. It identifies the noun it follows.

Example:

(2) Mercury, the silver-colored metal used in thermometers, is usually is liquid form. The meaning of “mercury” is identified by its appositive, the silver-colored metal used in thermometers.
By adding the words “which is/are” or “who is/are” you can test if the noun is appositive.
Example:
(3) Mercury, *which is* the silver-colored metal used in thermometers, is usually in a liquid form.

Now, study the sentences no. 6-10 on page 283
C. Using Punctuation

Punctuation marks are sometimes used to set off a word which is being used to identify another word. Some of the punctuation marks you as may see used in this way are:

- commas ,
- brackets [ ]
- dashes
- single quotation marks ‘ ‘
- parentheses ( )
- double quotation marks “ “

Now, study the sentences no. 11-15 on page 282-3
C. Using “OR”

A word is sometimes identified by synonym following the word “or”

Example:

(4) The husky, or sled dog, of the North is a hardy breed.

The meaning of the word “husky” is identified by the words “sled dog” following the word “or”

Now, study the sentences no. 16-20 on page 283
D. Using Examples

A word is sometimes identified by examples. These terms often introduce examples:
- *as* for example *such as*
- *like* for instance

Example: (5) Percussion instruments, such as, drums, cymbals, and tambourines, were the preferred instruments in the study. The meaning of “percussion instruments” is identified by the three examples: “drums”, “cymbals”, and “tambourines”.

Study the sentences, no. 21-25, on page 283-284.
E. Using clauses

Adjective clauses sometimes identify words. They are introduced by the words:
that where who when which whom

Example: Airships, which are cigar-shaped, steerable balloons, have many uses, such as filming, advertising, and entertainment

No, Study the sentences no. 26-30 on page 284