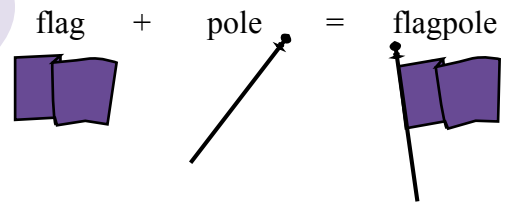


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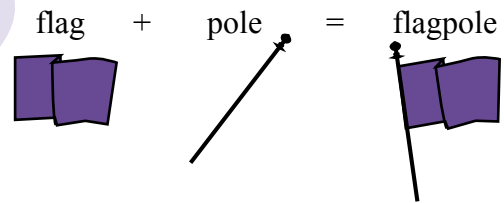
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Student's definitions will vary. Example of correct answers:

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| | Something that scares crows | | |
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| | A book about cooking | | |
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| | Something a horse wears on its foot. | | |
| 8) songbird | <u>song</u> | + | <u>bird</u> |
| | a bird that sings | | |