**To:** [your name]

**Subject:** Definitions for your review

I’d like my first post to focus on “how to use this blog.” I’d like you to review these parenthetical definitions before I use them and let me know which are OK as written and which need work. For those definitions needing work, please include a revised version in your response. Also, if you think I’ve included a term that is too technical for our audience, let me know.

Thanks,

Jenny

Parenthetical Definitions

A. When people started sharing personal stories and comments on the Internet in the 1990s, these writings were called a Weblog (later just called a blog). Soon people could access the blogosphere (the Internet community of over 150 million public blogs) to read bloggers’ observations on almost any topic of interest.

B. To understand what topics are posted most frequently, our tag cloud, a visual cloud of tags emphasizing the most frequent tags appearing in our blog, is a good resource. Located on the right sidebar and organized alphabetically, the bigger the word appears the more frequent the topic appears in our blog.

C. You’ll note on our index page (or index.html, a traditional file name for the page you are on currently) we provide a brief overview of BUGS and explain the purpose of our blog.

D. Blogopotamus: Not an alien creature but a very long, bloated blog post.

E. A form of audio broadcasting on the Internet typically using an MP3 format, podcasting, is like downloading and listening to music. However, rather than music, you listen to someone talk about a topic of interest such as organic gardening.