Advanced mathematical thinking is characterized by precise definition as well as by logical deduction. In a recent article in the Monthly B. Edwards and M. Ward, based on their research in undergraduate mathematics education, recommended that the special nature of mathematical definitions be treated as a concept in its own right. By employing a categorization of definitions based on method as well as purpose the special nature of mathematical definitions can be characterized. This characterization constitutes a concept definition of the special nature of mathematical definitions that enhances the implementation of the recommendation of Edwards and Ward. (Received August 02, 2004)