### [definedNames](definedNames.docx) (Defined Names)

This element defines the collection of defined names for this workbook. Defined names are descriptive names to represent cells, ranges of cells, formulas, or constant values. Defined names can be used to represent a range on any worksheet.

[Example:

<[definedNames](definedNames.docx)>  
 <[definedName](definedName.docx) name="NamedFormula"  
 [comment](comment.docx)="Comment text for defined name.">SUM(Sheet3!$B$2:$B$9)</[definedName](definedName.docx)>  
 <[definedName](definedName.docx) name="NamedRange">Sheet3!$A$1:$C$12</[definedName](definedName.docx)>  
 <[definedName](definedName.docx) name="NamedRangeFromExternalReference" localSheetId="2"   
 hidden="1">Sheet5!$A$1:$T$47</[definedName](definedName.docx)>  
</[definedNames](definedNames.docx)>

end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [workbook](workbook.docx) (§) |

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| Child Elements | Subclause |
| [definedName](definedName.docx) (Defined Name) | § |

The following XML [Schema](Schema.docx) fragment defines the contents of this element:

<complexType [name](name.docx)="CT\_DefinedNames">

<sequence>

<element name="[definedName](definedName.docx)" type="CT\_DefinedName" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>

</sequence>

</complexType>