

ELABORATION

When you elaborate, you give more information. Elaborating makes your writing so much better!



a house



a creepy house

You can elaborate by adding:

- adjectives (tiny, angry, miserable, colorful)
- more precise words (shouted rather than said, sprinted rather than went)
- dialogue (have your characters talk to each other)
- information about when, where, or how something happened

Look at the two sentences. How did I elaborate?

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| I saw a dog. | I saw a dirty dog. | |
| The package arrived. | The package arrived this morning. | |
| “I can’t,” she said. | “I can’t,” she whispered. | |
| Jannah felt sick so the teacher sent her home. | “Mrs. Brown, I feel sick.” “Oh dear, Jannah. Do you feel like you need to go home? I will call your mother to see if she can pick you up.” | |
| She's happy. | She's over the moon. | |
| We played frisbee. | We played frisbee by the swings. | |
| We stood outside. | We stood shivering outside. | |
| My mom bought me a new pen. | My mom bought me a new, sparkly pen. | |