

Methods of Elaboration

Elaborating Ideas:

1- Example/Explanation: Tony is my best friend. **He helped me to be brave** when I got a “U” on my progress report and was afraid my dad would punish me.

2- Reason: I like to watch the world from my window. **It makes me feel like a secret agent.**

3- Anecdote: My favorite middle-school year was 6th grade. **I’ll never forget the day** our 6th grade class participated in International Town with me as one of the team leaders.

4- Definition: I didn’t understand my brother. He asked for an XBOX –**a too-expensive video game console**– for his birthday.

5- Description: I loved my grandfather. He was a **beer-drinking, cigar-smoking, cowboy-hat-wearing, leathery old** man, but he was kind to me.

7- Researchable fact: My favorite butterfly is the Monarch, **also know as the milkweed butterfly.**

8- Allusion: Taylor was a great basketball player. He dunked the ball just **like Michael Jordan.**

Elaborating Sentences:

1- Use Vivid Verbs: I **gulped** down my food and **dashed** out the door.

2- Use Precise Nouns: My mom bought me an **iPod** for my birthday.

3- Use Colorful Adjectives and Adverbs: Her **sky-colored** scarf brought out her **pretty, blue** eyes. He fought **savagely**.

4- Use High-level Vocabulary: I was **flabbergasted** when I saw my report card.

