

elaborate

verb

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► Say it: e • lab • o • rate

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
to give more details about something <i>Synonyms:</i> develop, expand	The _____ officer wasn't sure what the missing _____ looked like, so he asked the owner to elaborate.



<p><i>Present:</i> I/You/We/They He/She/It</p> <p><i>Past:</i></p>	<p>elaborate elaborates elaborated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noun:</i> elaboration • <i>Adjective:</i> elaborate • <i>Adverb:</i> elaborately
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- decline to _____ The actress **declined to elaborate** on her reasons for quitting the film.
- refuse to _____ My dad said I couldn't borrow the car on Saturday, but when I asked him why, he **refused to elaborate**.

Verbal Practice

- Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.
 - Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.
 - Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.
 - Write your favorite idea in the blank.
- My teacher asked me to **elaborate** on my description of the book I read because I didn't include enough _____
 - If someone I didn't know well asked me for more information about myself, I would refuse to **elaborate** because _____

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **elaborate** and appropriate content.

If I had to _____ on why I like my neighborhood, I would say that I enjoy _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **elaborate** and appropriate content.

I really wanted to know why my friend _____, but she declined to _____.

Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **elaborate** in the *simple past tense*. In your second sentence, use **elaborate** with the word partner *refuse to elaborate*.

- 1 _____

- 2 _____

grammar tip

To make the simple past tense of regular verbs, add **-ed** or **-d**.

She **elaborated** on the points in her essay.

I **played** tennis today.

Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **elaborate** and original content.

Speaking in front of an audience can be _____ ①, especially for people who are _____ ②. However, if you prepare well, you can give a successful speech. First, you should brainstorm ideas and research your topic. If you are giving a persuasive speech, develop your best arguments and gather _____ ③ to back up your opinions. Next, take notes and organize them. Keep your notes short so you can use them as a quick reference; you should _____ ④ on your points in the speech itself. Finally, rehearse your speech in front of a _____ ⑤. Be prepared to answer follow-up questions from the _____ ⑥ after your speech—you may be asked to _____ ⑦ on some of the points you made.