

Sentence Expansion: Add Useful Detail

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Expand simple sentences with precise details while keeping them clear and grammatical.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Details can answer who, what, where, when, how or why.

2 More words are not always better; useful detail matters.

3 Punctuation and sentence structure still guide the reader.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Expand “The bird flew.” with where and how.

Add an adjective and a useful phrase to “The dog waited.”

Remove one unnecessary repeated detail from a long sentence.

Combine two very short related sentences.

Write two versions of the same sentence for different moods.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Describe a simple real scene aloud first, then decide which three details matter most to a listener.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Draw a scene and write one basic sentence plus one improved expanded version.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What makes a detail useful?

2. Can a sentence become less clear if too much is added?

3. Which question word can help add a place detail?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Sentence Expansion: Add Useful Detail”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

It helps the reader understand or picture something relevant.

2. Suggested response

Yes.

3. Suggested response

Where.

Review before publication

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FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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