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ELABORATE ON IDEAS

Simple sentences can be expanded to create more elaborate and detailed sentences.

Example: simple sentence	— The cat purred.
add "when"	— Last night, the cat purred.
add "size"	— Last night, the petite cat purred.
name a place	— Last night, the petite cat purred outside my front door.
add a name	— Last night, Carolyn's petite cat purred outside my front door.

Expand each simple sentence.

1 The dog barked.

When: _____

Size or Color: _____

Place: _____

Name: _____

2 The man ate.

When: _____

Size or Color: _____

Place: _____

Name: _____

3 The team played.

When: _____

Size or Color: _____

Place: _____

Name: _____

Sentence Stretch

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Simple sentences are the beginning of a good idea. But to really capture the reader's attention, you will need to elaborate by adding details to your sentences.

Simple sentence: The lion roared.
When: The lion roared last night.
Size/Color: The huge, golden lion roared last night.
Where: The huge, golden lion roared in the jungle last night.
How: The huge, golden lion roared loudly in the jungle last night.

"Stretch" each simple sentence by adding the following four kinds of details: when, size or color, where, and how.

1 The Ferris wheel turned around and around.

2 The cat purred.

3 My shoes squeaked.

4 Their car stalled.

5 The grocery bag ripped.

6 The wind blew.

7 Her school closed.
