

A yellow speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the bottom-left corner, set against a dark blue background.

Word of the Week

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Elaborate (verb)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

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Let's see if we can work out what it means from looking at its etymology.

Elaborate

From Latin prefix

ē-

“out of” or “thoroughly”

From Latin

labōrāre

“to work” or “to strive”

So what does **elaborate** mean?

“Worked out thoroughly”

Definition

To develop or present (a theory, policy, or system) in detail; to expand on something.

When you are asked to **elaborate** on an idea, you are being asked to "thoroughly work out" or "work out all the details of" your initial thought.

The connection to the word "labour" reminds us that **elaboration** isn't just a simple addition, but a piece of work that requires thought and detail.

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Elaborate (noun)

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Examples

“The science teacher asked the students to **elaborate** on their hypothesis with specific data from the experiment.”

“During the reading event, the author took time to **elaborate** on the complex themes in her novel.”

Can you come up with your own?

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Synonyms

Expand

Explicate

Detail

Clarify

Develop

Antonyms

Simplify

Summarise

Word of the Week

Elaborate

To develop

Task

Add **elaborate** to your word of the week record sheet (page 18 of your planner).

Use this time to check you have all of the words from this term recorded as well.

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Record (verb)

To set down in writing for later reference.

“Use this page to **record** your Word of the Week”

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Challenge

- In small groups, take turns responding to the statement shown.
- The first student must use the word **elaborate** in their reply ("I'd like to **elaborate** on that point by saying...").
- Every subsequent student must use the word **elaborate** to add a new layer of detail, clarification, or evidence to the previous student's point.

Reading is more
enjoyable than
watching a movie.

Go the next slide to see an example of how this conversation could progress.

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Statement:

Reading is more enjoyable than watching a movie

Student A:

I agree. I would like to **elaborate** on that by pointing out that reading allows your own imagination to create the characters and settings, which is much more engaging than being shown exactly what they look like.

Student B:

I disagree with that point. I will **elaborate** on the enjoyment of movies, as the addition of a soundtrack, lighting, and professional acting creates a powerful emotional experience that reading alone cannot replicate.

Student C:

While I see your point about music, I need to **elaborate** on the commitment required. Movies often leave out important character development, meaning the enjoyment is lessened because you don't feel the emotional payoff as much.

Student D:

I want to **elaborate** on Student B's idea of the 'emotional experience.' Reading requires a lot of labour and concentration, while a movie is passive entertainment, allowing you to relax and enjoy the story immediately.