

Using Precise Language to Elaborate

- In order to select precise words, we need to broaden our vocabulary. We need to have lots of words from which we can choose. We need specific nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

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When we write, we need to select words that are related to the topic and tell EXACTLY what we mean.

General

Precise

We had fun
this weekend.

On Saturday, Manuel, Sue,
and I had a blast bike riding
down Main Street. Afterward,
we stopped for ice cream.

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If you were going to write about basketball, there would be many precise words that you might use, such as foul, court, hoop.

Brainstorm more words you might use to write about basketball.

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Choose your own topic from these:
soccer, drawing, school lunch, playground games

- With a partner make a list of precise words that you might use to write about the topic you chose.
- Find another student pair who chose the same topic and combine your lists.

Alphabetic Taxonomies



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- Work with a partner for 5 minutes to make a list of words that mean “to get from one place to another.” For example, I **walk**. What other words can you find? How many can you find?

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- Look at the example below.
- Help me underline words that are not precise.
- Let's substitute with more precise language.

We can go to the game room and play video games. We can play two player games. We can play up to four player games. There are tons and tons of games there.

Using Precise Language to Elaborate – *your turn*

- Read the example below.
- Think about words that are not precise.
- Rewrite the paragraph using more precise language.
- Remember to think about questions your audience might ask.

You can learn. You can learn stuff that you didn't know about. You can learn about dinosaurs. The science center is awesome.