

ADDING DETAIL TO SENTENCES

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Adding detail to sentences helps to avoid **ambiguity** by **clarifying** information.

When writing, it is helpful to ask yourself the following questions to tease out the most amount of detail possible. Doing so will ensure that your writing becomes descriptive and informative.

The Questions: Who...What...Where...When...Why...How...

Example: The woman baked bread.

What kind of woman? busy

What kind of bread? wheat

How did she bake it? slowly

When did she bake it? last night

Where did she bake it? in an old oven

Why did she bake it? for her grandchildren

New Sentence: Last night for her grandchildren, the busy woman slowly baked a loaf of wheat bread in an old oven.

Now, do the same thing with the following sentences. You may not answer all of the questions but provide as much information and detail as you can.

1. The puppy came home.
2. The artist drew a picture.
3. The boy went skating.
4. Patrick got hurt.
5. I don't like school.