Types of Elaboration

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| Type | Definition | Example |
| Facts & Statistics | Statements that can be proved | Meteor Crater in Arizona is a mile wide. |
| Sensory Details | Words that appeal to the five senses | The wet wood crackled, popped, and hissed as it burned. |
| Incidents | Events that illustrate a main idea | Without José we never would have won. In the final seconds, he scored the winning points by sinking a basket from half court. |
| Examples | Specific cases or instances that illustrate a main idea | Picking wildflowers and leaving behind garbage are two ways that  people destroy national parks. |
| Quotations | The words of an expert or authority | “It’s better to be fit than thin,” said Dr.  Greene. |
| Anecdotes | **Brief summary of an event (historical or personal)** | The boy was so sad when his dog died. I understand this sadness because I have also lost a beloved pet. |