

Adding Details

Instructions: This activity helps writers develop their writing by adding details to a sentence. Read through the example first for reference. Then, complete the two “You try it!” items by rewriting and revising the original sentence with more details.

	Simple sentence:	Detailed revision:
READ THIS	I tried to catch the ball, but I missed it.	Lifting my eyes, I watched the ball descend. It was going to be
		close! Hand trembling and gut tumbling, I backpedaled hard. It was
		right there. I was right there! Then the sun came out. Dazzling rays
		met wide-open eyes, and the world went white. Illuminated by the
		treacherous light, I tripped. I fell. And my vision cleared enough to see
		the ball resting peacefully on the turf beside me.

	Simple sentence:	Detailed revision:
YOU TRY IT!	Class dismissed, and we went home.	

	Simple sentence:	Detailed revision:
YOU TRY IT!	My friend told the joke, and we all laughed.	