

Elaborating

When you **elaborate**, you write details to support your main idea. Use specific words to show what you are describing. Replace words and phrases such as *things* and *a lot of* with specific words.

No Those ants carried a lot of things.

Yes Those ants carried hundreds of cake crumbs.

Directions Choose words from the box to replace the underlined word or words in each sentence. Write the new sentence.

like a weight lifter picking up a huge barbell books and magazine articles
sugar crystals many times their weight a huge bread crumb ten times its size

1. Once I saw an ant carrying something.

2. The bread crumb was very big.

3. Ants can lift heavy things.

4. This is neat.

5. I want to read a lot of stuff about ants.

Directions Elaborate the following topic sentence by writing two details. Use specific words.

Ants come in many different colors and sizes.
