Details That Matter

Sort statements by how much meaningful detail they include.

10.L.GC.2.d "Expand and enrich ideas and information, incorporating details and descriptions to achieve specific purposes or facilitate engagement. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

ENRICHED

An enriched statement adds precise facts, actions, or descriptions. These details help a reader picture or understand the idea.

Snow crunched beneath Eli's boots as he crossed the empty field.

BARE

A bare statement gives an overall idea but leaves out important particulars. It may need details to be clearer or more engaging.

Cold weather arrived.

1 SORT

8 items

For each statement, circle ENRICHED or BARE.

1. The storm knocked out power across three blocks. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
2. At 6:15, the bus hissed to a stop beside the library. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
3. The music was nice. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
4. A sharp smell of paint filled the narrow hallway. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
5. The team practiced hard. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
6. The meal tasted bad. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
7. During the debate, I tapped my pencil against the desk. **ENRICHED** **BARE**
8. The documentary followed a firefighter through a smoky apartment. **ENRICHED** **BARE**

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new ENRICHED statement and one new BARE statement.

ENRICHED _____

BARE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one bare statement, then revise it into an enriched statement by adding at least two precise details.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The storm knocked out power across three blocks.	**ENRICHED**	It gives a specific event and a precise effect.
2	At 6:15, the bus hissed to a stop beside the library.	**ENRICHED**	It includes a precise time, action, and location.
3	The music was nice.	**BARE**	It gives an opinion without describing the music.
4	A sharp smell of paint filled the narrow hallway.	**ENRICHED**	It uses sensory description and a specific setting.
5	The team practiced hard.	**BARE**	It does not explain what the team did during practice.
6	The meal tasted bad.	**BARE**	It gives a general judgment without details.
7	During the debate, I tapped my pencil against the desk.	**ENRICHED**	It identifies a situation and a specific action.
8	The documentary followed a firefighter through a smoky apartment.	**ENRICHED**	It names a subject, action, and vivid setting.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ENRICHED**: Three orange koi circled beneath the glassy surface of the pond.
- **BARE**: The aquarium was beautiful.

Challenge: BARE: The garden was peaceful. ENRICHED: Bees drifted among purple lavender, and water trickled from a stone fountain beside the path.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept Part 2 explanations that correctly point to specific facts, actions, sensory details, or the lack of such details. Student-created enriched statements should add meaningful information, not simply extra words.