

Elaboration/Paragraph Development Activity

C and E of the ICED Format

In the second or third sentence of a paragraph, a writer will often state “for example”, “for instance”, or “to illustrate” to introduce a citation – an example, incident, situation or detail to reinforce the idea or the point being discussed. This gives a concrete detail to support the topic sentence and allows the writer to explain its significance to the paragraph.

The C in ICED

Directions: For each of the following statements, **cite an example or description** to provide evidence and to enhance and support the topic sentence provided. Practice with the elaborative phrases mentioned above.

Sample: Shelley is a good friend. For example, she called to see how I was feeling when I was sick and brought me all my homework.

1. Dan’s room is a mess.
2. My best friend is/ is not very thoughtful.
3. The main character in _____ is _____.
(any book you have read) (an adjective)
4. Nature is a beautiful yet destructive force.
5. Most people believe that technology is a wonderful advancement.

Connecting “C” and “E” in ICED

It is important to develop your citation/example. Most times a writer will make a point/use an example that requires clarification to allow the reader to comprehend an idea more fully. The purpose of “E” to explain how your citation/example acts as evidence and helps to support your idea and thesis/claim. Sometimes the clarification or **elaboration** will occur in two or more additional sentences.

Directions: Continue taking the topic sentence given, creating an example and then adding an explanatory sentence or two to the following statements to elaborate on the statement given.

Sample: Shelley is a good friend. For example, she called to see how I was feeling when I was sick and brought me all my homework. She is always considerate and willing to go out of her way to help a friend.

1. The beach can be lovely at night.
2. Books are the gateway to the imagination.
3. Relationships can be difficult.
4. Being a child was always an adventure.
5. I am ready/not ready for college.