We often have conversations because we want to understand something better or learn more. In order to share our ideas clearly, we will need a few skills. One skill is to **elaborate**, or explain more, when people don’t understand or believe what we have said.

Sometimes a person in the conversation has to **prompt** (or ask) the person to **elaborate**.

- Can you say more about that?
- Can you elaborate?
- Tell me more about...
- Can you explain your reasoning to me?
- Can you clarify the part about...?
- Why do you think that?
- What do you mean by...?

**Words and phrases that people say when they need someone to elaborate:**

- Sure, let me be more clear...
- To be more specific, I should add that...
- It’s like when...
- It’s similar to the idea that...

**Words and phrases that people say when they are elaborating for someone:**