Expository Strategy for Support

Each reason must have an explanation, definition, description, personal experiences, or other elaboration techniques as a means of clarification.

LET’S EXAMINE SOME EXAMPLES--
Ways to Elaborate

Explain: Tell what you mean. Use a clarification statement.

This color is not right for you. In other words, you look dull as a dirty sock in beige.

You look dull as a dirty sock in beige. In other words, this color is not right for you.

A clarification statement must be able to be read both ways.
Elaboration Strategies/Techniques

- Clarification
- Example
- Addition
- Compare/Contrast
- Cause/Effect
- Describe Concretely
- Describe Figuratively

**Clarification**
- Explain what you mean
- In other words,
- Basically,
- To clarify,
- To make things more clear,
- By this I mean,
- More specifically,
In the poem “lesson of the moth” by Don Marquis, the moth could be described as being **fearless**. *In other words*, it was not afraid of anything, even possible death.

**Practice “talking off”** an opinion statement and clarification statement for both the moth and archy. Use different transitions for each.
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Your Turn...

Write an opinion statement and clarification statement for both the moth and archy. Use different transitions for each.