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.
Once upon a time, there lived a pirate named Boris von der Borch.
He was tough.

All pirates are tough.
He was massive.
All pirates are massive.
He was scruffy.

All pirates are scruffy.
He was greedy.
All pirates are greedy.
He was fearless.

All pirates are fearless.
He was scary.

All pirates are scary.
But when his parrot died, he cried and cried.
Tough Boris was _____.

- scary
- massive
- scruffy
- greedy
- fearless
- tough
Boris was **greedy**.

**In other words,** he wanted to have more than anyone else.

Boris was **massive**.

**By this I mean** that he was larger than 99% of all other pirates.

**In other words,** Boris was greedy.