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The following icons represent specific kinds of text. These can be used for details, or they can also be used to generate compositions or text structures.

Each will give an example of how to add details to the sentence: **Boys laugh.**

Icon	Type of Text	Sample Details for a Narrative (past tense)	Sample Details for Expository (present tense)
	Talking (dialogue, direct or indirect)	"Did you hear those boys chuckling?" my mom asked.	Experts agree that laughter is good for everybody.
	Thinking (inner speech or thoughtshots)	I knew it. They were laughing at me. At least that's what I suspected.	When boys laugh, they seem to attract the admiration of their peers.
	Seeing (snapshots)	I looked up and saw the three boys standing in the corner, doubled over in laughter.	When a boy laughs, his eyebrows rise, and his lips compress at first.
	Doing (active verbs)	As the boys choked with laughter, tears ran down their faces. The air hummed with humor.	Boys gather to play sports, to compete physically, and to laugh.
	Information (background or analytic)	For the first time all year, the boys from Mr. Kauffman's class laughed out loud.	The boys laugh, experiencing what researchers call a "social vocalization which binds people together."
	Smells (literal or figurative)	I smelled the enchiladas, the sandwiches, and the embarrassment in the cafeteria as the boys shrieked with laughter.	Boys never grow too old to laugh at certain smells.
	Sounds (non-verbal sound effects)	The boys were snorting, wheezing with laughter, chortling and chuckling.	Contagious, the sounds of the boys' laughter cause everyone nearby to join in.
	Physical reactions (goosebumps)	My heart sank as I heard their mocking laughter.	As the boys laugh, they experience a flood of relief and relaxation.
	Emotional reactions (especially in conflict)	Although it was hilarious, I felt guilty laughing with them.	When boys laugh together, they test each other and bond strong friendships.
	Book references	The boys laughed with Grinch-like delight as they threw the paper around the room.	Sometimes the laughter of boys can be intimidating, especially when they are in Grinch-like moods.
	Movie references	Suddenly they all laughed a tittering, timid, Munchkin kind of laugh.	One kind of laughter is timid, shy Munchkin-like laughter.
	World references (geographical or historical)	They laughed and cavorted like competing court jesters.	Like a court jesters joking for the pleasure of a king, the boys laughed and entertained their coach.
	Vocabulary	Their laughter rang out, ostracizing their classmate.	Boys' laughter is hardly ever synthetic, but spontaneous.
	(Add icons for any devices you have covered in class, like figurative devices, rhetorical devices, grammatical structures.)		