

**elaborate**

1. [ɪˈlæb(ə)rət] *a*

- 1. тщательно, детально разработанный продуманный; подготовленный  
 elaborate plan - тщательно продуманный план  
 elaborate study - детальное изучение  
 elaborate preparations - тщательная подготовка
- 2. 1) сложный  
 elaborate design - сложная конструкция  
 elaborate hair-do - замысловатая причёска  
 elaborate dinner - обед из многих блюд
- 2) усложнённый (о конструкции и т. п.)
- 3) усовершенствованный, «умный» (о механизме)
- 3. *уст.* выработанный произведённый (с трудом)
- 4. *уст.* усердный; старательный  
 elaborate collector - неутомимый собиратель (чего-л.)

2. [ɪˈlæbəreɪt] *v*

- 1. детально, тщательно разрабатывать или обдумывать; вырабатывать  
 to elaborate a plan [details] - тщательно разработать план [уточнить детали]
- 2. 1) развивать, дополнять (мысль, предложение)  
 to elaborate upon a theme - развивать тему  
 to elaborate on a theory - расширять рамки теории
- 2) уточнять, конкретизировать  
 he called the talks useful, but he did not elaborate - он назвал переговоры полезными, но далее это высказывание не развил  
 would you care to elaborate on that statement? - не уточните ли вы это заявление?

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**elab-or-ate** [elaborate elaborates elaborated elaborating] *adjective, verb*  
*adjective* BrE [ɪˈlæbərət] <sup>m</sup> ; NAmE [ɪˈlæbərət] <sup>m</sup> usually before noun

very complicated and detailed; carefully prepared and organized

- elaborate designs
- She had prepared a very elaborate meal.
- an elaborate computer system

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'produced by effort of labour'): from Latin **elaborat-** 'worked out', from the verb **elaborare**, from **e-** (variant of **ex-**) 'out' + **labor** 'work'.

Example Bank:

- highly elaborate carvings
- It all turned out to be an elaborate hoax.
- The ceiling was tiled in an elaborate pattern.
- This elaborate deception fooled his family for ages.

Derived Words ↑elaborately ▪ ↑elaborateness ▪ ↑elaboration

**verb** BrE [ɪˈlæbəreɪt] <sup>m</sup> ; NAmE [ɪˈlæbəreɪt] <sup>m</sup>

- 1. **intransitive, transitive** to explain or describe sth in a more detailed way
  - ~ (on/upon sth) He said he was resigning but did not elaborate on his reasons.
  - ~ sth She went on to elaborate her argument.
- 2. **transitive** ~ sth to develop a plan, an idea, etc. and make it complicated or detailed
  - In his plays he takes simple traditional tales and elaborates them.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	elaborate
	BrE /ɪˈlæbəreɪt/
	NAmE /ɪˈlæbəreɪt/
he / she / it	elaborates
	BrE /ɪˈlæbəreɪts/
	NAmE /ɪˈlæbəreɪts/
past simple, past participle	elaborated
	BrE /ɪˈlæbəreɪtɪd/
	NAmE /ɪˈlæbəreɪtɪd/
-ing form	elaborating
	BrE /ɪˈlæbəreɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪˈlæbəreɪtɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Let me briefly elaborate on this.

- They refused to elaborate on the reasons for their decision.
- This point will be elaborated further in the next chapter.

## elaborate

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### I. eɪləˈbɒrət / ɪˈlæbərət, ɪˈlæbərɪt/ BrE " AmE " adjective

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: elaboratus, past participle of elaborare 'to work out']

1. having a lot of small parts or details put together in a complicated way **SYN intricate** :

" pure silks embroidered with elaborate patterns

2. carefully planned and organized in great detail **SYN complex** :

" a very elaborate telecommunications network

—**elaborately** *adverb*:

" an elaborately carved wooden statue

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### THESAURUS

- **complicated** consisting of a lot of different parts or details and therefore difficult to understand: The rules of the game seemed very complicated. | I didn't realize programming the VCR would be so complicated. | The brain is like a very powerful, very complicated computer. | a complicated issue
- **complex** a complex process, relationship etc is difficult to understand because it has a lot of parts that are all connected in different ways: The chemical processes involved are extremely complex. | the complex relationship between government and the media
- **elaborate** having a lot of parts or details and very carefully planned, but often more complicated than is necessary: Mike had worked out an elaborate system for categorizing his collection of DVDs. | The plan to kidnap her had become even more elaborate. | Sociologists have been coming up with increasingly elaborate theories to explain unsafe sexual practices.
- **involved** very long and complicated – use this especially about something that you think should be made simpler: The system for choosing candidates is very involved, and I won't go into it here. | Adopting a child can be a long involved process.
- **convoluted** too complicated and difficult to understand – used especially about someone's language or arguments, or about a system: convoluted sentences | Procedures for government funding have become more convoluted. | James's books are full of long paragraphs and convoluted sentences, which many people do not find appealing.
- **intricate** having a lot of small parts or details – used especially about something that is cleverly designed or made: Lasers are used to cut intricate designs in the metal. | The farmers use an intricate system of drainage canals. | the intricate workings of a watch | intricate patterns of coloured marble

### II. eɪləˈbɒrət / ɪˈlæbərət/ BrE " AmE " verb

[intransitive and transitive] to give more details or new information about something **SYN enlarge** :

" He said he had new evidence, but refused to elaborate any further.

**elaborate on**

" McDonald refused to elaborate on his reasons for resigning.

—**elaboration** /ɪˌlæbə'reɪʃən/ *noun* [uncountable and countable]

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