

Detail

Consider:

Whenever he was so fortunate as to have near him a hare that had been kept too long, or a meat pie made with rancid butter, he gorged himself with such violence that his veins swelled, and the moisture broke out on his forehead.

— Thomas Babington Macaulay, “Samuel Johnson”

Discuss:

1. What effect does the detail (the *spoiled hare*, the *rancid butter*, the *swollen veins*, the *sweaty forehead*) have on the reader?

2. How would the meaning of the sentence be changed by ending it after *himself*?

Apply:

Write a sentence describing someone with disgusting eating habits. It must be one, correct sentence; and it must contain at least three vivid details.