What’s wrong with these sentences?

• I am anxious to meet you.
• Fred bit off more than he could chew.
Avoid cliches.

• Hold your tongue
• Beat a dead horse
• March to the beat of a different drummer
• Out to lunch
• Kick the bucket
• Drop in the bucket
• Barking up the wrong tree
What’s wrong with this sentence?

That’s a nice car.
Which is more concrete?

My roommate is a slob. She leaves a lot of messes everywhere and never cleans up after herself, so it smells funny in our house. I can’t stand coming home to the filth. Our house looks like a disaster zone. **D-Level detail**

My roommate is a slob. She leaves a mess in the sink all the time. I am always tripping over her junk. **C-Level detail**

Where could it be more concrete?
Which is more concrete?

My roommate is a slob. She leaves a mess in the sink all the time. I am always tripping over her junk.

My roommate is a slob. He leaves his dirty dishes in the sink every day. He throws his school and athletic equipment down the minute he walks in the door. B-Level detail

Could it be more concrete?
Which is more concrete?

My roommate is a slob. He leaves his dirty dishes in the sink every day. He throws his school and athletic equipment down the minute he walks in the door.

My roommate is a slob. She leaves her half-drunk coffee on my dresser 3 days out of 4, and her bedspread has an inch-thick layer of dog hair on it.
Is the following concrete?

Re: Emergency (Email from a professor)

On Saturday afternoon two things happened: the FH Portal with all your names and addresses went down - and my fairly new Dell XP collapsed. The motherboard was kaput. Sunday, I bought a new Hewlett Packard Pavilion p6110f for $600 and my computer guru spent 6 hours transferring files, installing, and all that stuff to the tune of $800. So I am now ready to work, right! At 5 p.m. Saturday, I went to the Fhda portal which is where I am now which has all your names and emails. Except it did not work. Additionally, I have been using XP for years and am now stuck with Vista. Which is driving me nuts. Additionally I have been using Mozilla and Explorer, with some problems. To use the portal, I had to download Adobe and Adobe Flash, which I did but still no luck. At 6 a.m. this morning, I finally found someone in the District computer room and he checked and realized that the Portal Server was down and no one had been able to get on. They finally got it turned on and here I am and so is everyone else I guess.
Paragraph and Section Development

Watch out for words like these:

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Form a section correctly.

- Provide a topic sentence.
- Produce evidence.
- Demonstrate how the evidence proves the point (as needed).
Practice adding concrete detail.

1. I spent a lot of time on my homework.
2. That person was rude.
3. My bag is heavy.
4. We go shopping all the time.
5. I got up late this morning.
6. We need the report soon.