

Don't Tell. Show!

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, make the following “telling statements” *show*. You will change the sentences and add new things, but be sure to express the original idea.

Examples

Telling: Tom didn't want to go to school today.

Showing: Tom threw his books into his bag, crumpling his half-complete homework; he sighed.

Telling: Mike didn't want to go find the lost puppy.

Showing: When Mike's mother asked him to find the lost puppy, Mike groaned, “Do I have to, Mom?”

Telling: Reading was Jay's favorite class.

Showing: Jay waited the whole day to go to reading class and he always smiled when he got there.

1. I was really mad.
2. She was tired from having stayed up late.
3. Alec wasn't paying attention to the teacher.
4. They were playing around during class.
5. He was bored while she was telling her story.
6. I was really happy.
7. Both of the children were sad.
8. He was really good at playing basketball.
9. Sammy was hungry.
10. The two boys were about to fight one another.
11. My mom was disappointed.
12. His room was a mess.
13. The teacher was frustrated.
14. Tamika was nice to Rica.
15. Max, our dog, didn't like Mom's new boyfriend.
16. The pizza was delicious.
17. Suzie was very depressed.
18. Vince was surprised when his girlfriend stopped by the store where he worked.
19. I have a crush on Shelia.
20. Rick was excited when the newscaster announced that the school would be closed today.