

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

SHOW DON'T TELL

I. What does the phrase “show, don’t tell” mean?

A. That you can’t make writing come to life.

B. That your writing should use images and descriptions to bring a scene to life.

C. Those pictures are better than words.

2. Which of the following sentences lets the reader know that it's foggy outside?

A. The air outside was so thick you could cut it with a knife.

B. The air outside was crisp.

C. The air outside was warm and wet.

3. How can you show that a person is crying without saying it in those words?

A. I took one look at her and I could tell she wasn't happy.

B. She turned away when I saw her. Her face was blotchy and her eyes were moist.

C. She smiled when I entered the room, but I could see that she was crying.

4. Which of these writing samples appeals to the reader's sense of smell?

A. I woke up to the scent of crackling bacon and warm biscuits.

B. The sky was so dark that I couldn't believe it was still daytime.

C. His fur was soft, like down, and he wagged his tail when I came close.

5. Which of these writings samples appeals to the reader's sense of touch?

A. I woke up to the scent of crackling bacon and warm biscuits.

B. The sky was so dark that I couldn't believe it was still daytime.

C. His fur was soft, like down, and he wagged his tail when I patted him.

6. Which of these writing samples appeals to the reader's sense of vision?

A. I felt along in the dark until I found the doorknob.

B. The sky was so bright that I couldn't believe it was nighttime.

C. His fur was soft, like down, and he wagged his tail when I patted him.

7. Which of these writing samples appeals to the reader's sense of hearing?

A. I felt along in the dark until I found the doorknob.

B. The sky was so bright that I couldn't believe it was nighttime.

C. I stepped on the platform and the bell chimed four times, a high-pitched fairy sound.

8. Which of the following is an example of a simile?

A. The air was cold.

B. Our house is a home.

C. My sister cried like a baby.

9. Which of the following is an example of a metaphor?

A. The sky is dark like night.

B. When my cat eats, he is a pig.

C. My brother looks older than he is.

10. What is another way to say, “I’m hungry.”?

A. My stomach is grumbling.

B. I just ate.

C. My stomach is full.

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Feeling	Action(s)	Feeling	Action(s)	Feeling	Action(s)
1. angry		6. arrogant		11. surprised	
2. tired		7. bored		12. confused	
3. frightened		8. sad		13. nervous	
4. stressed		9. sick		14. impatient	
5. ashamed		10. confident		15. embarrassed	

A. break down; collapsed under the pressure

B. heart is falling apart; my heart broke

C. He is striding (邁大步走) down off the corridor.

D. The woman is strutting (高視闊步；趾高氣揚地走) in the ball room.

E. Her eyes widened and looked up with disbelief.

F. He lowered his head and did not say a word.

G. The man exploded in rage.

H. He did not eat or drink anything.

I. The boss slammed the door in my face.

J. The child stammered out an answer.

K. The team leader winked at his teammates.

L. He tore the newspaper into pieces.

M. He frowned suddenly.

N. He is sweating.

O. swallowed hard.

P. She said with a raised voice.

Q. Some of us fell asleep, and some yawned.

R. My muscles tightened.

S. His face reddened.

T. He is rubbing his hands and clenching his fists.

WRITING TOPIC

When Franny came downstairs to breakfast, her mom took one look at her and dropped her toast. Her dad choked on his coffee. Her brother's eyes almost popped out of his head.

"Franny," her Mother said, "you look so... nice."

Franny did look nice. Her hair was cute. Her dress was pretty. Her shoes were adorable. She didn't really look like Franny anymore, but she looked nice—kind of.

