

Show Me A Story (Show Don't Tell)

Readers like seeing things for themselves. Showing is a great way of getting the reader more involved. Dialogue can help show the reader what a character is feeling. Remember to use the senses when you are trying to show, not tell.

eg. Telling: The shop was busy.

Turned into showing: With customers pushing through the snaked queues of people, there was nowhere to stand. The air was thick with chatter and noise.

Rewrite some of these telling sentences so they are descriptive and engaging. Then try the 'night-time walk' challenge from the end of the video. Perhaps you can use some of these in your own story.

Telling: The man was angry.

Showing:

Telling: Gemma's room was a mess.

Showing:

Telling: Luke was embarrassed.

Showing:

Telling: I ran fast.

Showing:

Telling: The building was old.

Showing: