

SHOW, DON'T TELL!

Below is a list of "telling" statements. Choose 5 of the statements and write a complete paragraph for each one, showing it instead of just telling.

Remember, use lots of descriptive, showing words. Think about using "sense" words that appeal to the reader's sight, smell, hearing, touch and/or taste. You may also include dialogue.

The rough drafts of your 5 paragraphs are due TOMORROW. Finish them for homework if you don't finish in class.

1. The hike was tiring.
2. The baby was upset.
3. I swam fast.
4. The movie was boring.
5. The dance was fun.
6. The concert was loud.
7. The book was frightening.
8. M-n-Ms melt in your mouth, not in your hands.
9. The 49ers are a good team.
10. It rained hard.
11. The family was having fun.
12. She is an energetic old lady.
13. I entered the stadium for the Super Bowl.
14. The room was stuffy.
15. The dancer fell.
16. I am hungry.
17. The teacher is handsome.
18. My dinner got cold.
19. The Pepsi was satisfying.
20. The building collapsed.

(The underlined words are what should be "shown".)