

SHOW, DON'T TELL: Practice Exercise

The goal of this descriptive writing technique is to provide descriptions that allow readers to infer emotions, situations, or character traits without explicitly stating them. Follow this link to understand this technique in detail: [Show, don't tell ← ESLMOJO](https://eslmojo.com/show-dont-tell/) (https://eslmojo.com/show-dont-tell/)

1. Describe a character who is nervous without using the word "nervous."
2. Depict a setting that conveys a sense of tranquility without using the word "tranquil."
3. Show a character who is in love without using the word "love" or directly stating it.
4. Illustrate a character who is extremely exhausted without using the word "exhausted."
5. Portray a character who is feeling intense jealousy without using the word "jealousy."
6. Describe a character who is deeply saddened but avoid using the word "sad."
7. Depict a character who is overjoyed without using the word "joy" or "happy."
8. Show a character who is frustrated and irritated without using the words "frustrated" or "irritated."
9. Illustrate a character who is deeply determined without using the word "determined."
10. Describe a character who is experiencing a moment of profound realization without using the words "realization" or "epiphany."

Suggested answers: (Answers will vary)

1. Her hands trembled as she tried to button her shirt, and her gaze darted around the room, avoiding eye contact.
2. The soft rustling of leaves in the gentle breeze and the sun's warm, golden rays filtering through the trees created an atmosphere of peace.
3. He couldn't stop smiling whenever she entered the room, and his heart raced at the sound of her laughter.
4. She dragged her feet, and her eyelids drooped, while each step seemed like an arduous journey.
5. She couldn't tear her eyes away from the couple across the room, her face contorted with an expression of longing and resentment.
6. Tears welled up in her eyes, and a heavy sigh escaped her lips as she stared at the old photograph.
7. He jumped up and down, his face lit up with an exuberant energy that was infectious.
8. He clenched his fists, muttered under his breath, and the veins on his forehead pulsed as he struggled to keep his composure.
9. She set her jaw, her eyes locked on the distant mountain peak, and with every step, her determination only grew stronger.
10. His eyes widened, and a sudden clarity washed over his face as if a lightbulb had switched on in his mind.