



Week 32
English Mastery
Primary 3/4

The Write Tribe

SHOW VS TELL



CHARACTER PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

Telling sentence: Mary was a pretty girl, with blue eyes and blonde hair.

Can you identify what tools the author used to SHOW vs TELL?

Showing sentence: Mary's brilliant blue eyes were as blue as the ocean. Her

eyes glistened with joy as her golden locks danced playfully on her shoulders. Her

smile were like a thousand suns that could brighten one's darkest day.

PERSONIFICATION

ADJECTIVE

SIMILE

METAPHOR



REWRITE:

Jane is an attractive girl.

Adjectives

- *gorgeous
- *good looking
- *stunning

Body adjectives

- *petite
- *slim
- *delicate

Simile

- *as pretty as a picture
- *as blue as the ocean
- *as bright as the sun

Clothing

- *powder blue skirt
- * gym gear
- *dressed in a form fitting power suit

**Use personification
and metaphors !**



CHARACTER ATTITUDES

ACTIONS speak LOUDER than words. Instead of saying someone is NICE, show that someone is NICE through actions. It makes your character more believable.

Telling sentence: Scrooge was a stingy man.

Can you identify what tools the author used to SHOW vs TELL?

Showing sentence:

Despite earning a fat paycheck every month, Scrooge was a miser.

CHARACTER TRAIT

He even stole pennies from the blind beggar living in the street corner.

ACTION



REWRITE:

Phoebe is a kind girl.

Character traits

- *heart of gold
- *generous to a fault
- *a big heart

Think of actions to prove someone is kind. What would kind people do?

