

Show-Me Sentences Handout

In the table below, there are two columns—one containing a telling sentence and one containing a space for rewriting that sentence into a descriptive scene. Rewrite each telling sentence into one or several sentences that recreate the scene more vividly. Think of word choice and use senses (e.g., smell, touch, sight, taste, sound) to show the scene—feel free to invent details within your revised sentences.

Telling Sentence	Showing Sentence
<i>The old man stood in the grass and relaxed as the sun went down.</i>	<i>The grass caressed his feet and a smile softened his eyes. A hot puff of air brushed against his wrinkled cheek as the sky paled yellow, then crimson, and within a breath, electric indigo.</i>
The boy pulled a large fish out of the river.	
The girl stood on the corner of the busy intersection and witnessed the accident as it happened.	
The woman had a terrible headache.	
The meadow slowly came to life as the sun came up.	
The hunted creature ran through the thick forest and screamed as the thorns cut into his skin.	