

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

SHOW, DON'T TELL! PRACTICE

Directions: The sentences below all tell the reader something. Rewrite them to show details so clearly a reader can close his/her eyes and picture what you are describing. Do not repeat the same detail words.

Tell: "I was nervous and excited as I heard the news."

Show: "My hands trembled and my heart pounded in as I listened."

1. The house was empty.
2. I felt sick.
3. My parents are great people.
4. The weather was perfect.
5. The puppy was a terror.
6. His car is a mess.
7. The food from the restaurant was incredible.
8. The concert was disappointing.
9. I felt sad when we broke up.
10. The math test was really hard.

11. He drove too fast.

12. The speaker got everyone's attention.

13. My little brother is weird.

14. Dinner was disgusting.

15. The fire was out of control.

16. I was very embarrassed.

17. The climb was exhausting.

18. My mother bugs me.

19. The bus ride was uncomfortable.

20. I'm smart.