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**“SHOW DON’T TELL” SENTENCE ACTIVITY – Day 2**

*I. Same instructions as the first worksheet. Rewrite these sentences so they SHOW the detail versus just telling it. Try NOT to use the words AM, IS, ARE, WAS, WERE, and THERE. Instead use specific action verbs and adjectives with vivid description. You are writing only one sentence for each.*

*Your job is to revise the sentences to SHOW the meaning of the sentence. Give your sentences some action!*

*\*Don’t afraid to have some fun with these!*

Example: She was an ugly witch.

*The grotesque old woman cackled at anyone who walked by her eerie broken-down house.*

Example: The child was having a tantrum.

*With her arms flailing wildly and her feet kicking at nothing, the child melted to the floor and wailed*

*for her parents to replace the splattered ice cream cone.*

1. The party was wild.
2. The receiver caught a touchdown.
3. The garbage smelled awful.
4. Her house is impeccably neat.
5. We went on a very long drive.
6. He was hungry.
7. She is very old.
8. The project was difficult.
9. The store was hectic.

*II. Write a short paragraph to SHOW the action of one of the following scenarios. Don’t mention specifically what is going on, but rather describe it.*

Example: The child is having a tantrum.

*With her arms flailing wildly and her feet kicking at nothing, the child melted to the floor and wailed for her parents to replace the splattered ice cream cone. The flustered parents swiped napkins off of the counter and frantically scooped the bright pink mess into a nearby trash barrel. Other patrons glared angrily at these parents, who now focused only on calming their child. Speaking with serene tones, the parents whispered to their daughter and stroked her head. Her screaming slowly subsided to mere whimpers as the little girl used her sleeve to wipe the tears from her messy face. While the family gathered their composure and their belongings, the teenage boy behind the counter made another bright pink ice cream cone and handed it to the toddler. Her grateful smile lit up the entire room as she skipped out of the store.*

*\*\*NOTICE THAT THERE IS NOT ONE USE OF A LINKING VERB IN THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH\*\**

Your paragraph prompt – choose one of the following:

The store was hectic.

OR

She was embarrassed.

OR

It was a stormy night.