



Young Reporters for the Environment

Effective Storytelling

Show Me Don't Tell Me

In our Effective Storytelling lesson, author Ross Brannigan describes a writing technique called Show, Don't Tell, in which an author will let their audience know what something looks like or what someone is feeling through senses and actions.

For example, instead of saying:

“I walked on the frosty grass on a cold morning”

You might say:

“Frozen grass crunched beneath my feet as my breath rose in whirls of steam”

Practice this technique with some examples. Can you think of any others?

How would you describe a beautiful sunrise?

How would you describe a cold winter morning?

How would you say that someone looked tired?

How would you say that someone was angry?