

Show, Don't Tell

What is
"show, don't
tell"?

- Writing technique that allows the reader to experience the story through action words, thoughts, senses, and feelings rather than through the author's summarization.

Which is
more
descriptive?

A) The sky is blue.

OR

B) The sky above was the color of a robin's egg and was scattered with fluffy white clouds that made Jimmy want to fly away with them.

Sensory Language

- Sensory words engulf the reader's five senses.
- The five senses are:
 - Touch
 - Sight
 - Hearing
 - Smell
 - Taste

- Examples: dazzling, melodious, rough, bitter

What is descriptive writing?

Describing

Describing places, people, objects, and events using detail.

Painting

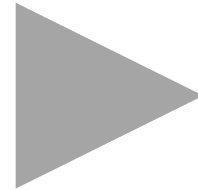
Painting a picture in the reader's mind with words.

Which is more descriptive?

Carter was sick of living a lie. He was sad and angry, so she slammed her bedroom door.



OR



“I’m tired of pretending!” Carter shouted, tears streaming down his face, before slamming the door behind him.