

Show, Don't Tell Theater Review

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Understanding Narrative Writing Techniques

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about narrative writing techniques.

1. What is the main difference between 'telling' and 'showing' in writing?

- A. Telling uses sensory details
- B. Showing uses plain statements
- C. Telling states facts plainly, while showing uses descriptive language

2. Using ____ details makes writing more engaging and helps readers experience the story.

3. Why is it important to use vivid descriptions in narrative writing?

4. Showing in writing only means using more words.

- True False

5. Which of the following is an example of 'showing'?

- A. He was sad.
- B. Tears streamed down his face as he looked at the empty playground.
- C. She felt happy.

6. Proverbs 16:24 suggests that pleasant words are as a ____ to the soul.

7. How might the story of David and Goliath be told differently using the 'show, don't tell' technique?

8. Descriptive language can help paint pictures in the reader's mind.

- True False

9. What is one way we can transform plain descriptions into more powerful writing?

- A. Using less detail
- B. Adding sensory details
- C. Making sentences shorter

10. What details do you think make a story more exciting? Give two examples.

Answer Key

1. The telling states facts plainly, while showing uses descriptive language 2. sensory 3. Vivid descriptions help readers visualize the story and feel emotions. They make the writing more engaging and memorable. 4. False 5. Tears streamed down his face as he looked at the empty playground. 6. honeycomb 7. Instead of saying David was brave, I could describe how he stood tall with his sling, heart racing, as he faced the giant with unwavering confidence. 8. True 9. Adding sensory details 10. Exciting details include action sequences, like a chase, and emotional moments, such as a character's fear or joy. These details pull readers into the story.