

LO: Show not tell

Show not tell is a technique writers use to make the story much more interesting, and it allows the reader to fully understand how a character feels.

Which sentence do you prefer and why?

Connor was scared.

or

Connor’s tummy started to churn and the hairs on the back of his neck stood up.

Your task

Improve your ideas from yesterday’s lesson using show not tell. I have asked you to think of three sections we addressed:

- 1. The weather
- 2. How the Iron Man feels
- 3. What the Iron Man can see.

For each area I have given you one example. You can either complete the tables if you can print or copy the tables into your remote learning book.

Weather

Tell	Show not tell
It was raining.	Dark grey clouds overcrowded the sky and the first droplet wriggled down the Iron Man’s face.

How the Iron Man feels

Tell	Show not tell
The Iron Man was excited.	The Iron man gasped, and his eyes lit up like a New year's firework display.

What the Iron Man can see

Tell	Show not tell
The Iron Man could see lots of tractors.	Tempting, oily tidbits covered the ground as far the Iron Man could see.