Tell a Story Only You Can Tell

Real or imagined events with clear steps



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What could this be?

A student found muddy shoes by the door and smiled. Why?



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The Empty Hallway

- Lights buzzed. One backpack sat alone by the lockers. What happened here?

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Build Your Story Path



1. Start: show who and where
2. Add a small problem
3. Grow to climax = most exciting part
4. Calm down after big moment
5. End: show how things changed

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Which Hook Wins?

Which opening makes you want to keep reading?

A My hands shook as the gym doors swung open.

B I heard a crash from the empty classroom.

C The map on my desk was not there yesterday.

Vote with your hands, then explain why.





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Watch: Order That Makes Sense



▶ 0:00 – 3:05

- Notice beginning, middle, and end
- Listen for words that show time passing

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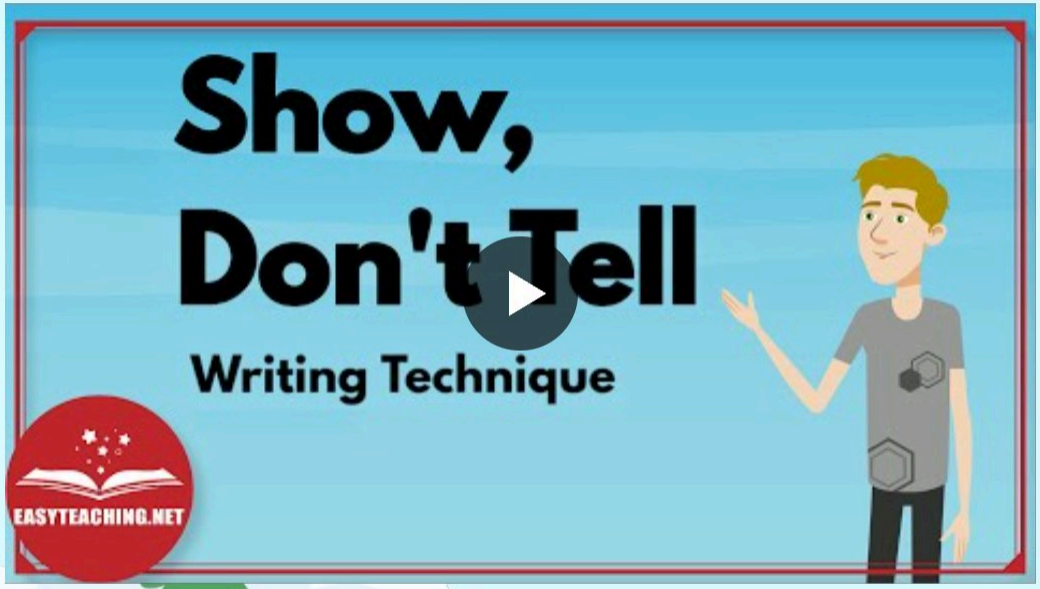
Make It Feel Real

1. Use senses: what you see, hear, smell
2. Technique means a smart trick writers use
3. Show feelings with actions, not only words



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Watch: Show, Don't Tell



▶ 0:00 – 4:40

- Watch how actions show feelings
- Find one detail you can steal

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Your task

Write a short story about a real or imagined moment.

1. Pick one moment and plan start, big moment, end.
2. Write 5 to 7 sentences in clear order.
3. Add one sense detail and one feeling shown by action.

10 min

On your own

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DID YOU KNOW?

Just listing what happened is not yet a story.

It becomes a narrative when events connect to share meaning.



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Think, pair, share

What smart trick made your partner's story easy to picture?





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True or false?

A narrative can share real or imagined events.

A strong narrative can jump around with no order.

Descriptive details help readers see and feel the story.

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