

# Show, Don't Tell

When you write about yourself, *show*—don't *tell*—how you feel.

**No** I was nervous.

**Yes** My voice croaked, and my knees trembled.

**Directions** Use words from the box or your own words to replace the words in ( ) in sentences 1–4. Then write a final sentence that shows your feelings.

packed with tents and food  
chattered and cheered  
shimmered like glass  
jumped out of bed

(1) I (woke up excited) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. It was the first day at Camp Kanaho. (2) The

lake (looked pretty) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) The kids (were noisy) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Canoes were (ready) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Imagine that you are in a strange place, such as a jungle, attic, or cave. Describe what you see, feel, hear, touch, and smell.

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