


Can I use show not tell?



Today we are going
to think about how
Hogarth was
feeling at this
moment in the story?

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Step 1:

Read this extract to remind yourself of the moment when Hogarth saw the Iron Man appear

Suddenly he felt a strange feeling. He felt he was being watched. He felt afraid. He turned and looked up the steep field to the top of the high cliff. Behind that skyline was the sheer rocky cliff and the sea. And on that skyline, just above the edge of it, in the dusk, were two green lights. What were two green lights doing at the top of the cliff?

Then, as Hogarth watched, a huge dark figure climbed up over the cliff-top. The two lights rose into the sky. They were the giant figure's eyes. A giant black figure, taller than a house, black and towering in the twilight, with green headlamp eyes. The Iron Man! There he stood on the cliff-top, looking inland. Hogarth began to run. He ran and ran. Home. Home.

The Iron Man had come back.

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Step 2.

Create of list of emotions you think Hogarth is feeling at this moment.

- Frightened
- Scared
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Can you add more of your own?



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Show, Don't Tell Feelings



My character
feels petrified

Tell: He was petrified.

Show:



Face

His eyes were wide with
fright and his mouth was
opened in horror.



Body

His knees were shaking and
he covered his face with
his hands.



Voice

He spoke slowly, and his
voice quivered. He could
barely get out a few words.

Step 3:

Can you use show not tell to describe
those feelings you listed before?

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TELL Terrified

SHOW

Body? Face? Voice?

Step 3 continued:

Let's **TELL** the feeling 'Terrified'

Think of sentences to show what each part of Hogarth's body was doing when he saw the Iron Man.

Let's **SHOW** the feeling

Face - His lips quivered as he looked up at the giant

Body - His knees wobbled like jelly

Voice - He whispered timidly to himself

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Over to you...Your challenge today:



Write 3 sentences to describe how Hogarth was feeling when he saw the Iron man. Write a sentence to describe these 3 areas:

- His face
- His body
- His voice



Write AT LEAST 3 show not tell sentences to describe how Hogarth was feeling when he saw the Iron Man.



Write at least 3 show not tell sentences to describe how Hogarth was feeling when he saw the Iron Man. Use must use a variety of different sentence openers.

(-ing, -ed / fronted adverbial / simile)

Choose emotion

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Show:



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