

Show Don't Tell - Writing Resource Ring

Angry
To show angry you can write...

- Red face
- Arms folded or crossed
- Stomping feet
- Furrowed brow
- Steam coming out of ears
- Clenched fists
- Stormed out of the room
- He/she was a ticking time bomb
- Glaring
- Nostrils flared



Bored
To show bored you can write...

- Staring off into the distance
- Tapping fingers on desk
- Eyes glazed over
- Fell asleep in chair
- Staring out the window
- Daydreaming
- Looked at watch
- Couldn't keep from yawning
- Banged head against the wall
- Blank stare
- Twirling pen



Curious
To show curious you can write...

- Gasp in wonder
- Straining to hear something, telling others to be quiet
- Moves towards something to get a closer look
- Leaning in
- Tilts head to the side
- Taps finger against chin or face
- Asking a lot of questions
- Putting nose in other people's business



Confused
To show confused you can write...

- Scratching head
- Shrugged shoulders
- Squinting eyes
- Standing quiet for a moment
- Forehead wrinkled
- Bewildered look on face
- Standing quiet for a moment
- Taking a deep breath and letting it out slowly



Embarrassed
To show embarrassed you can write...

- Cheeks turning pink
- Blushed uncontrollably
- Stammered when started to speak
- Wish the ground would open up and swallow me
- Averted my eyes
- Looked away
- Trying to blend into background
- Looking around the room for an exit or escape



Disappointed
To show disappointed you can write...

- Head hanging low
- Smile a mile wide
- Skip in their step
- Bursting with joy
- Lips pressed together tight
- Eyes looking inward
- Collapsing onto chair or floor
- Eyes tearing up
- A sudden feeling of nausea
- Holding hand to stomach



Grumpy
To show grumpy you can write...

- Mumbling under breath
- Exasperated sigh
- Eyes rolling way back in head
- Frown on their face
- Crinkled nose
- Wide stance with crossed arms
- Furrowed brow
- Gritted teeth
- Snap at anyone who asks them a question
- Tight-lipped smile



Excited
To show excited you can write...

- Jumping for joy
- Smile a mile wide
- Skip in their step
- Unable to sit still
- Cheering
- Whistling
- Talking a mile a minute
- A bursting ball of energy
- Doing a victory dance
- Shrieked in delight



Proud
To show proud you can write...

- Head held high
- Maintaining eye contact
- Standing tall with hands on hips
- Talking about recent success
- Beaming with pride
- Shoulders back and chest out
- Bragging excessively
- Big smile on face
- Flipping or tossing one's own hair



Sad
To show sad you can write...

- Tears streaming down face
- Bawled uncontrollably
- Eyes welled up with tears
- Frown on their face
- Quivering lips
- Trembling voice
- Head hanging low
- Crying a river
- Experiencing their darkest day
- Feeling blue
- Wiping away tears
- Dragging feet
- Shoulders slumped



Nervous
To show nervous you can write...

- Butterflies in stomach
- Sweaty palms or hands
- Biting fingernails
- Racing heartbeat
- Heart feels like a beating drum
- Stuttering speech
- Shaky voice
- Feels like they are going to throw up
- Pacing the halls
- Lump in throat



Happy
To show happy you can write...

- Grinning from ear to ear
- Smile a mile wide
- Skip in their step
- Bursting with joy
- Could not stop smiling
- Eyes wide open
- Corners of mouth slightly raised, revealing a grin
- On cloud nine
- Laughing or giggling uncontrollably



Playful
To show playful you can write...

- Laughing at own jokes
- Sticking tongue out and crossing eyes
- Raise and wiggle eyebrows
- Made faces in the window
- Winked
- Smiled
- Tickled
- Giggled
- Googly eyes
- Light hearted laugh
- Blurts or interrupts



Scared
To show scared you can write...

- Covering eyes with hands
- Wanting to scream, but unable to make a sound
- Heart racing a mile a minute
- Slowly crept up the stairs
- Face was as white as a ghost
- Beads of sweat were dripping down face
- Teeth chattering



Shy
To show shy you can write...

- Uncomfortably quiet
- Looking down
- Speaks softly
- Stands in the corner of the room
- Is a wallflower
- Shaky voice
- Feels like they are going to throw up
- Pacing the halls
- Blushing
- Covers face with hair



Surprised
To show surprised you can write...

- Stood there speechless
- Mouth wide open
- Jumped out of their own skin
- Heart began to race
- Gasp for breath
- Holding chest or heart
- Scream or yell
- Frozen, unable to move
- Jaw hit the floor
- Heart was all a flutter
- Tongue-tied




Frustrated
To show frustrated you can write...

- Stomping out of room
- Takes deep breaths
- Heavily sighs
- Punches or kicks the wall/air
- Grunts, grumbles, or yells
- Inability to sleep or relax
- Pulling at or out hair
- Points finger at person they are speaking with
- Sweating



Brave
To show brave you can write...

- Standing tall with hands on hips
- Speaking loudly with a clear voice
- Coming up with plan to save the day
- Volunteering to go first
- Standing up to the bully for their friend
- Focused eye contact
- Tilt head back



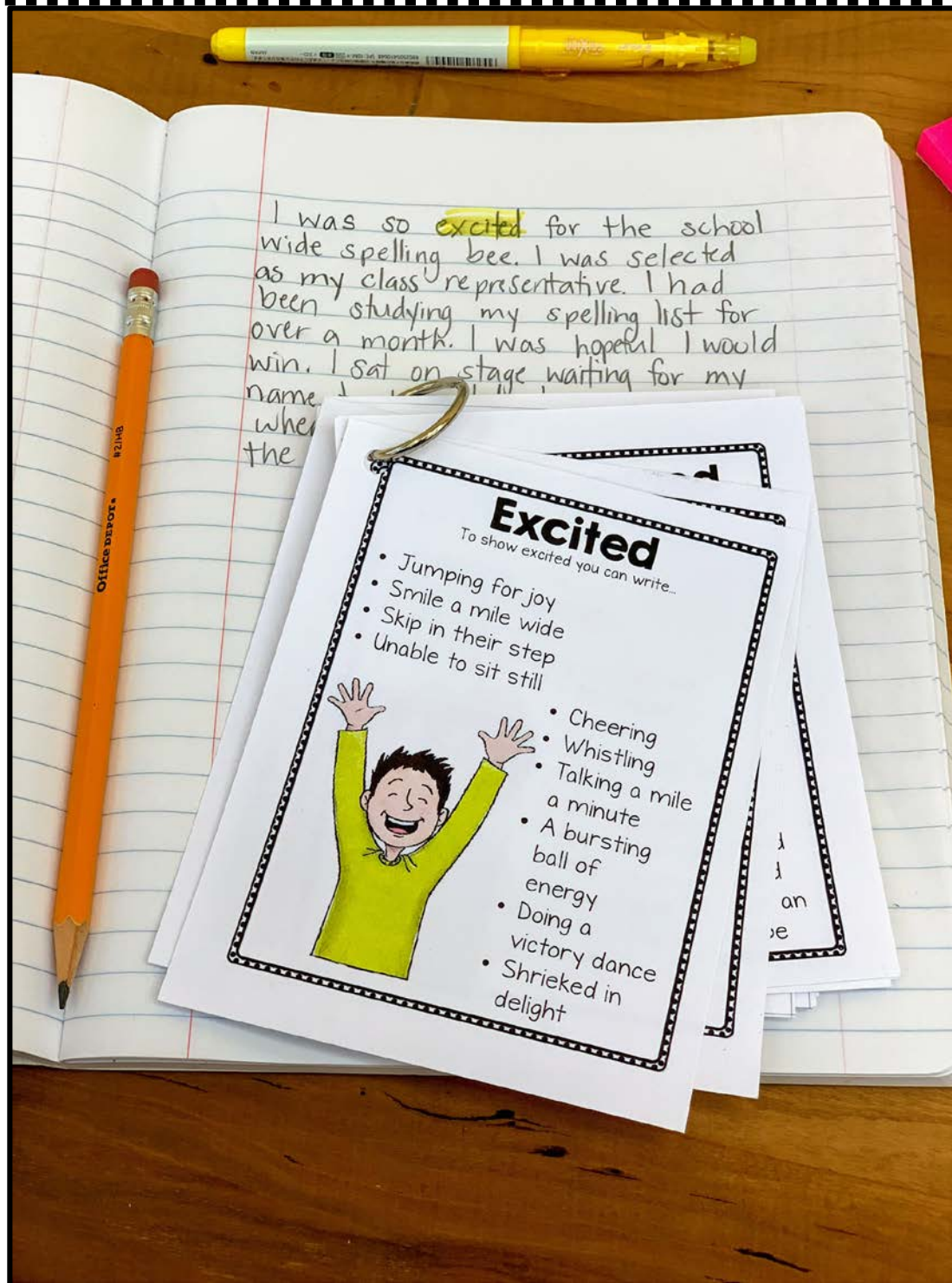

Show Don't Tell - Words Included



- Angry
- Awake
- Bored
- Brave
- Cold
- Confused
- Curious
- Disappointed
- Dishonest
- Embarrassed
- Excited
- Frustrated
- Full
- Grief
- Grumpy
- Happy
- Hot
- Hungry
- Lonely
- Nervous
- Physically Fit
- Playful
- Proud
- Relaxed
- Sad
- Scared
- Shy
- Sick
- Sleepy
- Stressed
- Surprised
- Thirsty

Help your students become more descriptive writers.





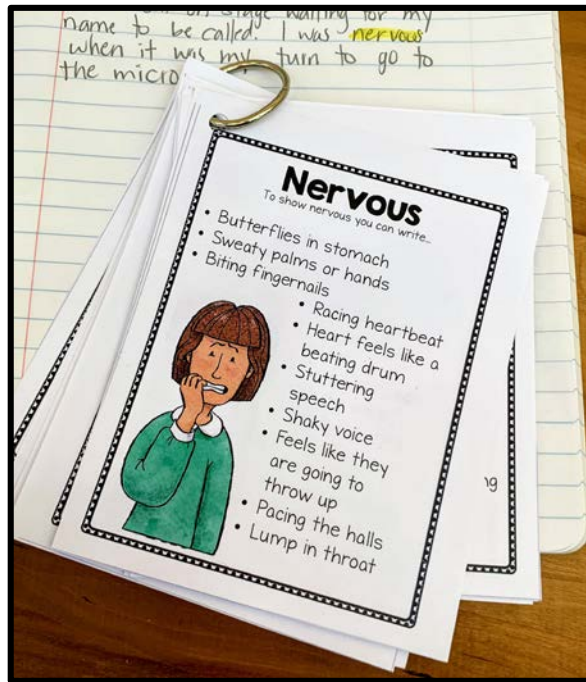
Show Don't Tell

- Each card includes a commonly used trait, feeling, or emotion.
- Each card includes a visual picture of what that word might look like.
- Each card includes a set of words or phrases that would SHOW what that word would look like.
- Students can use the examples included on each card to SHOW not TELL.



Printing Options!

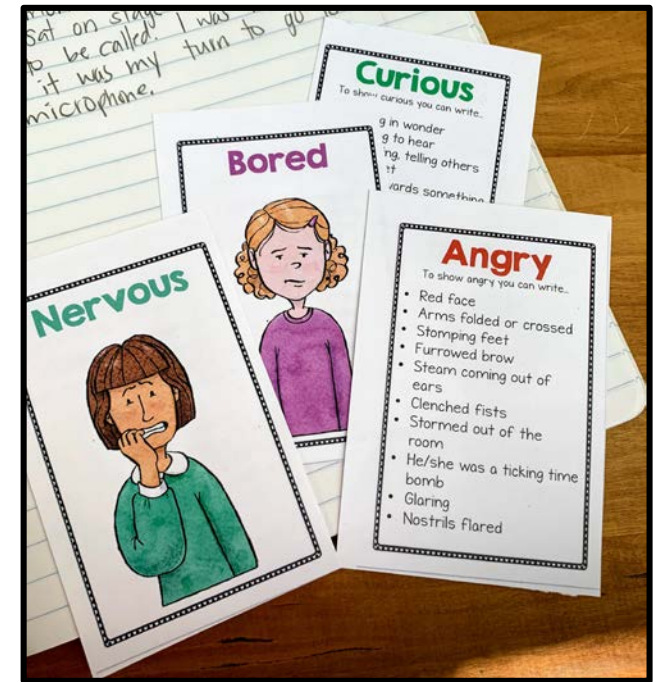
Each card is formatted 3 different ways, so you can create the resource that works best for your students.



These cards can be printed four to a page. Each one-sided card includes the word, a picture, and phrases or words that would SHOW not TELL.



These cards can be printed four to a page. Each card includes the word and picture and a blank space for students to create their own SHOW not TELL cards.



These cards can be printed eight to a page. The two sided cards include the word and picture on one side and then when you flip them over the include the phrases that would SHOW not TELL.

Black and White or Color

Each style can be printed in black and white so you can print on your favorite Astrobright cardstock. Or you can print on white cardstock using the color option!

