

You can encourage your students to go from telling to showing by practicing a few examples of their own, either individually or with a partner. Here are a few story starters. You could make up others, or take them right from the pages of student writing, textbooks, novels, etc.



## TELLING EXAMPLES

Transform each telling example to a showing example by adding critical detail and action that conveys the idea without stating it outright.

- ▶ Paul's room was messy.
- ▶ Gloria really was not a cook.
- ▶ Bill was frightened of cats.
- ▶ Amber was uninhibited.
- ▶ Frank felt suddenly shy.
- ▶ Ramona was physically fit.
- ▶ The dog seemed aggressive.
- ▶ It was a pleasant day.
- ▶ A hard rain fell.
- ▶ I could tell the cat did not like me.
- ▶ The tennis player was skilled.
- ▶ Roger knew how to be quiet.
- ▶ The film was enjoyable.



Be sure you take time to read showing examples aloud. Hear the differences.