

SC1: Once Upon a Time

Creating a Character: Show, Don't Tell.

When we read books, we develop images of the characters and these images are stronger and more vivid if we show the character's emotions through description rather than telling the reader directly.

Eg. Charlie was nervous about the exam. He thought he was going to fail.

Or: Charlie looked at the pencil shaking between his fingers resting on the exam paper. He felt the drumbeat of his heart beneath his school uniform and wanted the wooden chair he was sitting in to be an ejector seat - to anywhere but here.

Think about what our bodies do when we have these feelings, our facial expressions, how our voices change or the sounds we make.

Classify these words into the correct categories:

stutter slouch grimace sweat cry slam trudge stare scream groan frown
sigh slur sprint smile punch clench laugh sulk doze hunch giggle
kick glance shove hold scowl leap shiver

Body	Facial Expressions	Voice and sound

Now you try:

Sally was jealous of her friend's new phone.

David won the final point of his 5 set tennis match

Ana still had 5 kilometres to walk to get back to her tent. It was getting dark.

Now look at these song lyrics –what are the feelings?

*Well I never pray,
But tonight I'm on my knees, yeah.
I need to hear some sounds that recognize the pain in me, yeah.
I let the melody shine, let it cleanse my mind, I feel free now.
But the airwaves are clean and there's nobody singing to me now.
(Bittersweet Symphony, the Verve)*

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*Her husband he's off to work
And the kids are off to school
And there were oh so many ways
For her to spend her days*

*She could clean the house for hours
Or rearrange the flowers
Or run naked through the shady street
Screaming all the way*

*At the age of 37
She realized she'd never ride
Through Paris in a sports car
With the warm wind in her hair
(The Ballad of Lucy Jordan, Marianne Faithful)*

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*I never came to the beach or stood by the ocean
I never sat by the shore under the sun with my feet in the sand
But you brought me here and I'm happy that you did
'Cause now I'm as free as birds catching the wind
I always thought I would sink, so I never swam
I never went boatin', don't get how they are floatin'
And sometimes I get so scared of what I can't understand
But here I am
Next to you
The sky is more blue
In Malibu
(Malibu, Miley Cyrus)*