

English

| 'Show Not Tell' Description | Emotion |
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| He smiled from ear to ear and his eyes lit up. | |
| His eyes looked up to the ceiling and his cheeks blushed crimson. | |
| She clenched her fists and felt her heart thumping in her chest. | |
| Goosebumps prickled my skin and a chill ran down my spine. | |
| Her jaw dropped and her eyes widened in response. | |

anger

surprise

happiness

shyness

fear



eyes bright

'crows feet' wrinkles around eyes

cheeks raise

corners of the lips raise diagonally

chin up/forwards

shoulders relax (drop)

As the snow began to fall, her cheeks rose to her bright eyes.

This description builds a better image due to the use of show, not tell.

As the snow began to fall, she was happy.

Guided Reading

Stick Man floated on and on. Soon, a swan saw him and thought it was a twig. "This twig is the best. It is the right kind of twig to weave my nest," said swan. "I'm not a twig! Why can't they see? I'm Stick Man and I long to be back in the family tree," he cried. Soon, the nest was deserted and Stick Man was free. He drifted down the river and sailed out to sea. He tossed and turned till the frolicking foam.

Next, he reached a beach which was far away from his home. There was a dad with a spade in his hand. A dad and a son was making a castle out of the sand. "An excellent mast! Hooray! There's a flag on our castle at last," cried dad. Stick man became angry and said, "I'm not a mast for a silly old flag or a sword for a knight or a hook for a bag, I'm neither a pen nor a bow, I'm not a bat or a boomerang! I'm a STICK MAN!"

It had been so long Stick Man did not go home. It was now winters. A boy with a warm, woolly scarf picked it up. "An arm for my snowman!" he said with a laugh. "I'm not an arm! Can nobody see? I'm Stick Man! Will I ever get to the family tree?" he sighed. Stick Man was sad and lonely. He was lost. He was frozen and covered with frost. Stick Man was weary and his eyes started to close. He stretched and yawned and soon fell fast sleep.

It was Christmas Eve! He couldn't hear the jingle of the bells and the sweet singing choir. A voice said, "Here's a good stick for the fire!" But Stick Man was lying asleep in the grate. While sleeping, he dreamed of his kids and his Stick Lady Love. Suddenly, he woke up and heard someone shouting for help. "Ho, Ho, Ho! I'm stuck! Get me out," a voice cried. "A Stuck Man! Who can that be? Don't worry! I'll set you free," assured Stick Man.

1. What was the first problem Stick Man encountered in the text?
2. Define deserted.
3. Define frolicking.
4. What did Dad intend on using Stick Man for?
5. Define weary.
6. Find one way Stick Man shows he is tired in the third paragraph.
7. Define grate.
8. Find a synonym for children.
9. Who do you think is stuck in the final paragraph? How do you know?
10. Define assured.