

## EXAMPLES IN BOOKS OF SHOWING, NOT TELLING

**Telling:** The wild things were mad.

**Showing:** They roared their terrible roars and knashed their terrible teeth. . . .

—*Where the Wild Things Are*, by Maurice Sendak

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**Telling:** The relatives slept everywhere.

**Showing:** The relatives weren't particular about beds, which was good since there weren't any extras, so a few squeezed in with us and the rest slept on the floor, some with their arms thrown over the closest person, or some with an arm across one person and a leg across another.

—*The Relatives Came*, by Cynthia Rylant

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**Telling:** The steam engine was digging fast.

**Showing:** Dirt was flying everywhere, and the smoke and steam were so thick that the people could hardly see anything.

—*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, by Virginia Lee Burton