

To use show  
not tell.

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# Starter:

Laurie, aged 11, is passionate about sharks. As you can see by his letter opposite, he is deeply concerned by the impact of shark finning on shark populations. He has written a letter to the UK government in the hope that it will take the lead on calling for a worldwide ban on shark finning. Could his letter be improved by using some of the cohesive devices outlined on the previous page?

## Challenge 1

What words could Laurie use to avoid repetition? (Think about possible synonyms and pronouns.) Some of the words on the Word Wall may be of use.

### Word Wall

first and foremost

furthermore

in addition

finally

in conclusion

to summarise

apex predator

cartilaginous fish

cold-blooded creature

marine predator

shark finning

cruel practice

cruelty

globe

leaders

extinction

critically endangered

urgent action

influence

outlaw

educate and protect

biodiversity

**Re-write 2 consecutive paragraphs to reflect the criteria of Challenge 1**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned for the future of shark species around the world. Shark numbers are decreasing at a rapid rate. One of the main reasons for this is shark finning. Shark finning involves catching sharks and slicing off their fins so that they can be sold in supermarkets and restaurants around the world. Here are some reasons why governments around the world must work together to help protect sharks.

Sharks have the right to live and not suffer in the hands of humans. Shark finning is clearly an extremely cruel practice. Once sharks are caught, their fins are sliced off and they are often thrown back into the sea, where they either drown or bleed to death.

The presence of sharks is essential to the existence of healthy marine ecosystems. By removing them, food chains become out of balance and biodiversity decreases dramatically.

Sharks have helped humans in many ways. An understanding of sharks has helped with advances in medicine, sport and engineering. For example, because sharks rarely fall ill, a study of shark skin led to the creation of an antibacterial spray that has helped millions of people avoid being infected by harmful viruses.

Please do what you can to help shark populations. I would love to hear back from you.

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Davidson, aged 11

# Giraffes



Watch the clip using the link.



As you watch, take notes on what is happening.

# Task

- Use show not tell throughout describing all that happens as if it is a human and then reveal at the end that it is in fact a giraffe.
- Use the show not tell help sheet to build ideas but extend to show other feelings/emotions.

## Relaxed

### Synonyms

calm peaceful cosy stress-free tranquil cool blissful serene  
composed at ease unruffled unperturbed relaxed nonchalant  
casual untroubled

How might someone who is feeling relaxed talk?

uttered stated chatted agreed  
gossiped discussed laughed

How might someone who is feeling relaxed move?

strolled wandered  
sauntered ambled drifted  
rambled roamed

What adverbs could describe how someone who is feeling relaxed might talk/ move?

languidly calmly tranquilly serenely nonchalantly coolly  
casually indifferently placidly unhurriedly peacefully  
smoothly

What might someone who is feeling relaxed do?

lean back in their chair lean casually against a wall smile  
be calm and collected not be tense seem happy  
move in a slow, calm manner

## Happy

### Synonyms

content glad joyful cheerful elated jovial in high spirits  
overjoyed ecstatic thrilled delighted on cloud nine pleased  
optimistic peaceful hopeful successful delighted bubbly  
upbeat animated jovial on top of the world

How might someone who is feeling happy talk?

gushed exclaimed cheered  
bragged giggled joked  
laughed boasted  
chortled guffawed chuckled  
snickered howled

How might someone who is feeling happy move?

skipped danced bounced  
bounded leapt strolled

What adverbs could describe how someone who is feeling happy might talk/ move?

merrily lightly contentedly joyfully jovially ecstatically  
blithely enthusiastically gleefully heartily joyously brightly  
buoyantly delightedly elatedly exultantly light-heartedly  
vivaciously

What might someone who is feeling happy do?

laugh smile grin clasp their hands have a relaxed body posture  
have a sparkle in their eyes seem light talk louder than normal  
have a bounce to their voice

## Brave

### Synonyms

adventurous audacious confident courageous daring  
fearless foolhardy gallant heroic reckless spirited strong  
valiant lionhearted plucky

How might someone who is feeling brave talk?

announced retorted  
declared boomed  
stated broadcasted  
bellowed

How might someone who is feeling brave move?

strutted strolled bounded  
bounced strode paraded  
swept flounced  
swaggered

What adverbs could describe how someone who is feeling brave might talk/ move?

confidently audaciously daringly fearlessly recklessly  
valiantly gallantly heroically charismatically assuredly  
boldly

What might someone who is feeling brave do?

puff out their chest seem relaxed and confident smile grin  
walk and sit upright be full of energy be full of self-belief