SHOW, Don't TELL a Character's Feelings!

Use words to create an image in the reader's mind.

Tigger was Frightened!



SHOW

Tigger's face was long, his eyes were wide, and his teeth were chattering.

His entire body was shaking like a leaf, and he was holding onto his tail for comfort.

His voice was scratchy and high-pitched.

TELL

Tigger looked frightened.

He was frightened.

He spoke as if he were frightened.

Daisy was EXCITED SHOW TELL

Her tongue was hanging out and her ears were perky.

Her tail was wagging so quickly that her whole body was shaking.

She barked loudly and in a higher pitch than normal.

Her face looked as if she were excited.

She was excited.

She had an excited voice.

