Descriptive Writing 2

Show, Don’t Tell

Descriptive writing is writing that describes people, places, animals or objects in such a way that allows the reader to build a strong image in their mind.

Good descriptive writing shows, rather than tells.

This sentence ‘shows’
Sniffling, she reached for another tissue.

This sentence ‘tells’
She had a runny nose.

The following sentences ‘tell’.
Write one or two sentences that ‘show’ what each sentence is ‘telling’.

1. Everyone at the table loved the dinner.
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2. The room was very messy.
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3. Dad was worried listening to the weather report on the news.
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4. The baby birds were very hungry.
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5. Jeremy was excited to see Suze.
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6. The dog liked meeting Kim.
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7. The teacher was frustrated at the class.
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8. It was a very cold day.
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