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Details reveal the fact.

Read the “opinion” and the “fact.” Now, use specific examples to create an objective sentence that “shows” rather than tells. You will “make up” the revealing detail, but it must be factually consistent with other information.

■ FOR EXAMPLE

Opinion — *Junior Jenny Lunde loves spending time with her family.*

Fact — *Junior Jenny Lunde spent last weekend with her family.*

Details “show” the fact — *Junior Jenny Lunde watched the final Harry Potter movie with her 9-year-old sister Friday afternoon and played cards with her parents and grandmother later that night.*

■ EXERCISE

1. **Opinion** — *Alex Gonzales is the most reliable Student Council officer.*

Fact — *Gonzales attends all Student Council functions.*

Fact with revealing detail —

2. **Opinion** — *Senior Bobby Phillips is the basketball team's best player.*

Fact — *Phillips is the team's leading scorer and rebounder.*

Fact with revealing detail —

3. **Opinion** — *English teacher Clarence McClellan is neurotic.*

Fact — *McClellan worries about the strangest things.*

Fact with revealing detail —