SHOW, DON'T TELL!

Below is a list of "telling" statements. Choose 5 of the statements and write a complete paragraph for each one, showing it instead of just telling.

Remember, use lots of descriptive, showing words. Think about using "sense" words that appeal to the reader's sight, smell, hearing, touch and/or taste. You may also include dialogue.

The rough drafts of your 5 paragraphs are due <u>TOMORROW</u>. Finish them for homework if you don't finish in class.

1. The hike was tiring.

14. The room was stuffy.

2. The baby was upset.

15: The dancer fell.

3. I swam <u>fast.</u>

16. I am hungry.

4. The movie was boring.

17. The teacher is handsome.

5. The dance was fun.

18. My dinner got cold.

6. The concert was <u>loud.</u>

19. The Pepsi was satisfying

7. The book was frightening.

20. The building collapsed.

8. M-n-Ms melt in your mouth, not in your hands.

9. The 49ers are a good team.

10. It rained hard.

11. The family was having fun.

12. She is an energetic old lady.

13. I entered the stadium for the Super Bowl.

(The underlined words are what should be "shown".)