



Bayview High

High Stakes

Chapter 2: Jackpot

Working with Words—Showing, Not Telling

Authors often want readers to see or experience a story through the use of vivid words and specific details.

For example:

“You look like the cat that ate the canary” (p. 14) is a simile that describes the grin on Gus’s face at winning \$100.00.

What did the author show by using the following phrases?

1. “...his face started to burn.” (p. 14)

2. “Her mouth fell open.” (p. 14)

3. “A hundred bucks...” (p. 14)

4. “It drove him crazy.” (p. 17)

5. “Crap...” (p. 20)
