

LEVELING

Level 1:

Write ONE sentence about a memorable place, person, or experience, using ONE adjective to describe that person, place, or experience.

Level 2:

Now, write two or three sentences, showing what you said in that one adjective. Drop the adjective.

Level 3:

And now....put yourself mentally at the scene, in the experience, with the person. See, hear, feel, taste, smell. BE there. Put the reader there, using the most vivid impressions you can call to mind. Let VERBS work for you.

EXAMPLE:

My experience as a summer abroad student in Japan was extraordinary. I was able to submerge myself in a foreign culture and live with a homestay family. I created a whole new part of my personality and expanded my view of the world. Everything from waking up to bells, instead of a radio, to having to think about the “right” way to flush the toilet jolted my view of everyday life into a new existence. Simple things like the taste of chocolate to the smell of my own sweat seemed different from what I knew them to be before. I would never look at life the same way again.