“Show, Don’t Tell” Prompts

One bad habit we all have as writers is the phenomenon of telling the audience what’s happening, rather than showing them. In order to evoke emotional connection with a text, it’s necessary to revise our writing so that the audience experiences the same events as a given character(s).

Tell: The horse was pretty and fast.

Show: **The dazzlingly white stallion galloped with the speed of a hurricane.**

Please write one **descriptive** paragraph for each of TWO of the following prompts (6-8 sentences, no need for a conclusion):

1. A scene from your favorite video game
2. Your favorite place on earth
3. Contact with Martians in the middle of the desert
4. Seeing a family member long presumed dead
5. Literally running into your crush in the hallway
6. Drinking cool water after being stranded in the desert for two days
7. Stepping off the plane into a foreign country
8. Destroying a friend’s LEGO set
9. The feeling when you’re punished for something you did wrong
10. A chameleon walking slowly across a tree branch

We will share these by volunteer basis!