

Brainstorming *Nice* and *Good* Things, Then *Showing* Them

inspired by Josephine Nobisso's [Show, Don't Tell: Secrets of Writing](#)

Instructions: After writing a noun that answers all the *nice* or *good* questions in the top boxes, create a *showing phrase* for each noun in the box below. Your *showing phrase* should contain no more than two carefully chosen adjectives and a specific noun that is not the original noun. See the example in the first box, which comes from Nobisso's book.

What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> animal? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> pig </div>	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> different animal? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> restaurant? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> afterschool snack? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>
<i>Showing Phrase:</i> (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box) a mud-loving, intelligent pet	<i>Showing Phrase:</i> (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box) 	<i>Showing Phrase:</i> (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box) 	<i>Showing Phrase:</i> (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box)

What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> hobby? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> game? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> vacation destination? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> vacation activity? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>
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Who's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> book character? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	Who's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> movie character? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	Who's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> family member? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>	Who's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> friend? <div style="text-align: center; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> </div>
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What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> fruit or vegetable? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> beverage or drink? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> source of protein? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> breakfast cereal? _____
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What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> toy? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> piece of technology? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> tool in a garage? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> ice-cream flavor? _____
<i>Showing</i> Phrase: (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box)	<i>Showing</i> Phrase: (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box)	<i>Showing</i> Phrase: (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box)	<i>Showing</i> Phrase: (you can't use any adjectives or nouns from the above box)

On these last four, create your own category names by yourself or with your class:

What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> ? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> ? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> ? _____	What's a <i>nice</i> or <i>good</i> ? _____
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Which four showing phrases from this two-page worksheet are your best examples?

You need to select them because you're going to use them to create a fun writer's notebook page!