Improving Voice by Using Specifics

Concrete over Abstract Nouns

Select any 3 of the “blah” sentences below and revise them to improve voice by adding specifics.

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| 1. My brother is very talented. |
| 2. When my dog died, I felt miserable. |
| 3. Ability is of little account without opportunity. |
| 4. We should think of others before ourselves. |
| 5. I felt nervous before I performed. |
| 6. We shouldn’t be scared to be ourselves. |
| 7. If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. |
| 8. School is boring. |
| 9. The singer had to work really hard to get to where she was. |
| 10. Math, for me, is very difficult. |