

LESSON FIVE: BE SKEPTICAL!

Directions: Explain to your child that skepticism means to disbelieve things that probably are not true and that skepticism is good. As Carl Sagan said, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof." After that, read all the lyrics to "Show Don't Tell" by Rush once at a regular pace aloud. Then analyze the words line by line with your child so that your child understands the message of the song. Finally, play the song.

How many times do you hear it?
It goes on all day long.
Everyone knows everything,
And no one's ever wrong
Until later.
Who can you believe?
It's hard to play it safe.
But apart from a few good friends,
We don't take anything on faith
Until later.

Show! Don't tell!

Show me; don't tell me.
You've figured out the score.
Show me; don't tell me.
I've heard it all before.
Show me; don't tell me.
I don't care what you say.
Show me; don't tell me.

You can twist perceptions.
Reality won't budge.
You can raise objections.
I will be the judge
And the jury.
I'll give it due reflection,
Watching from the fence.
Give the jury direction
Based on the evidence—
I, the jury.

Show! Don't tell!

Show me; don't tell me.
Hey, order in the court.
Show me; don't tell me.
Let's try to keep it short.
Show me; don't tell me.
Enough of your demands.
Show me; don't tell me.
Witness take the stand.
Show me; don't tell me.

Show! Don't tell!
Show! Don't tell!

Show me; don't tell me.
Hey, order in the court.
Show me; don't tell me.
Let's try to keep it short.
Show me; don't tell me.
I don't care what you say.
Show me; don't tell me.
Let's see Exhibit A.
Show me; don't tell me.
You've figured out the score.
Show me; don't tell me.
I've heard it all before.
Show me; don't tell me.
Enough of your demands.
Show me; don't tell me.
Witness take the stand.
Show me; don't tell me.
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Show me; don't tell me.
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