

Fast Five

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Can I use a variety of skills to build suspense?

If you need support, you can use this video link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYAc4yyWGoA&disable_polymer=true

Today, we will be looking at a variety of skills that can help us to build suspense:

.short sentences

.rhetorical questions

.repetition

.ellipsis

We will be using the texts from yesterday's lesson to help us identify these skills.

Red, Yellow or Green

Before we start, choose your activity. You will be completing these as we progress through the lesson.

You do not need the sheet to have a go. You can write examples on a piece of paper, type them up or even just think about them.

Short Sentences

Without warning, a strike of lightning flashed before me and our petite house crumbled to its death. It drifted away with the furious sea - away forever, away from me and the other side of the half-demolished home. The clouds were running towards me. I felt like I was shrinking, shrinking like I was the only person in the whole of the world. I didn't know what I was going through; a cold sweat trickled down my neck and shivers travelled up through my spine. I was all alone with the trees whispering to me: for some reason, I listened to them. It was almost like they were saying something really important to me. Everything had happened so quickly and, because of that, it made me even more terrified!

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I was falling to my death. As my life flashed before me, I saw all of my family looking down at me and my mother laughing. Then came some of my baby memories - they seemed to all be happy memories. It was like I was in mid-air forever. As my hair touched the stormy sea, a hand reached out and grabbed my

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Short Sentences



The clouds were running
towards me.

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Create 2 of your own examples of short sentences.

Rhetorical Questions

was broken: I could not believe what was happening. My dad had drifted off into the sea and it was just mum and me. Where would I live? I could not live here: I would freeze in my pink, spotty pyjamas!

Where would I live?

Would I freeze in my pink, spotty pyjamas?

Rhetorical Questions



Where would I live?

Would I freeze in my pink, spotty pyjamas?

Create 2 of your own examples of rhetorical questions.

Repetition

The tsunami. It was heading straight for me. "RUN, RUN THE TSUNAMI IS COMING, ITS COMING, ITS COMING. Coming I tell you," screamed mum, hurtling towards me. We were both running when a disastrous, awkward-looking wave came out of nowhere. I just wanted to wake up and for it to all be a dream but I knew this would not happen.

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Create 2 of your own examples of repetition.

Ellipsis

Helplessly, I ran to the last of my house. The stones crumbled underneath my feet like elephants trampling over tree branches. My body broke into sadness – a tear fell from the last of my icy, broken eyes. I was running to my old swing when I saw it...

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Ellipsis



I was running to my old swing when I saw it...

He looked out the window to see the bridge was...gone.

Create 2 of your own examples using an ellipsis.