

# Spelling Frame Rule 54

Word list: - aw- to cont-

- Log onto spelling frame
- Click on Years 5 and 6
- Scroll down to Rule 54
- Click play
- Choose 'segment cards'

**Segment cards** will help you:

- understand the meaning of each word
- pronounce each word accurately

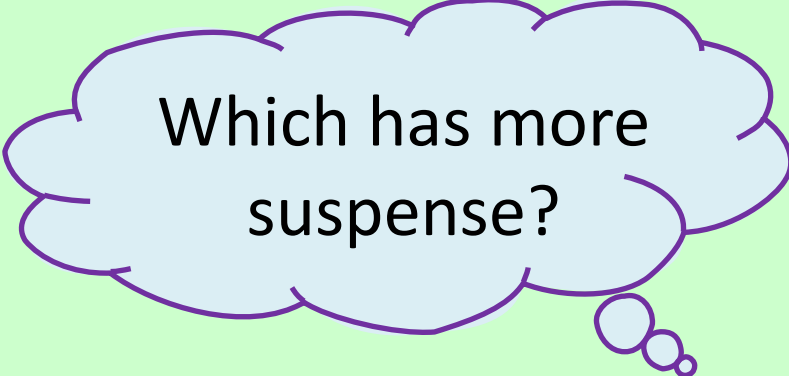
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WALT practice ways to show suspense

S2S: I can

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- recognise the impact of empty words to create suspense

## Empty words: to create suspense



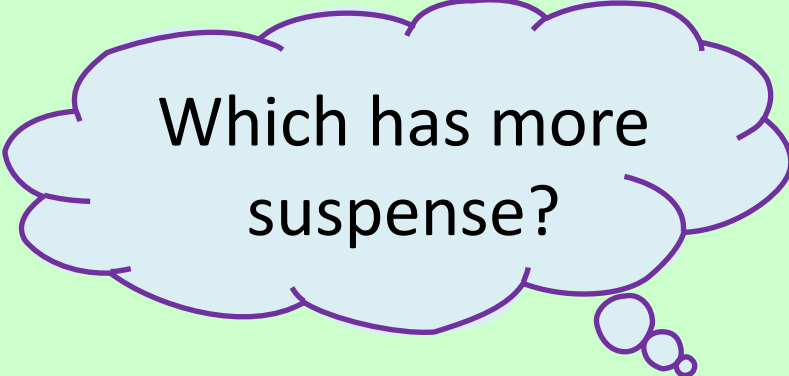
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**It** crept up the stairs.

Hopefully you can see it is the second one.

The reason why it is the second one is that the writer is hiding the threat from the reader.

This means they have to imagine what ***'it'*** is.

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## **Answer** - Empty words: to create suspense

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# Activity: Empty words to create suspense

Now it's your turn! Below, are 4 empty words that can be used to create suspense. Fill in the missing gaps with similar empty words.

A dictionary or thesaurus may help you.

A list of empty words to use:

someone	some _____	something
no-one	nowhere	no _____
it	shadow	s _____
figure	o _____	Premonition

## Challenge!

Add three of your own to the list.

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# Reflection



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What have you done well, in this lesson?