

Word Square Puzzles – 5 minute challenge

Generate as many different words as possible only using the letters supplied (letters can only be used once in a word).

Ultimate Challenge!

Can you discover the single word that is made up from all of the letters within the square.

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Answer - Word Square Puzzles

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WALT recognise effective suspense sentences

S2S: I can

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- create my own suspense sentences

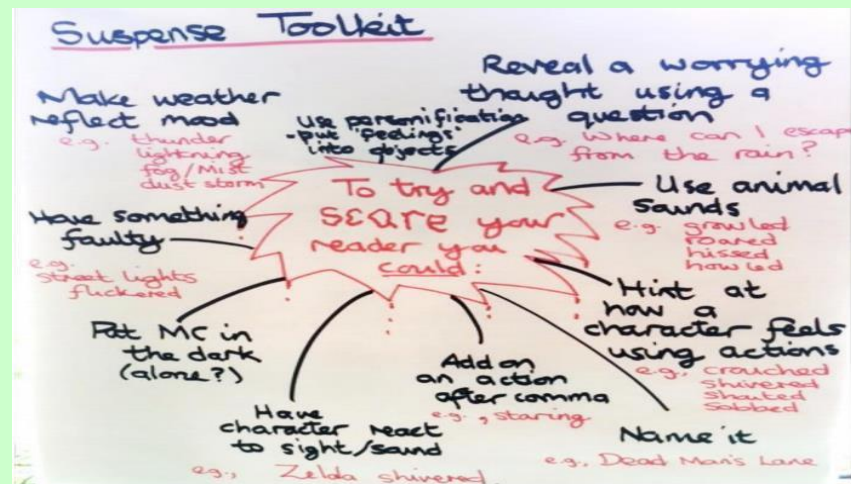
Effective suspense sentences

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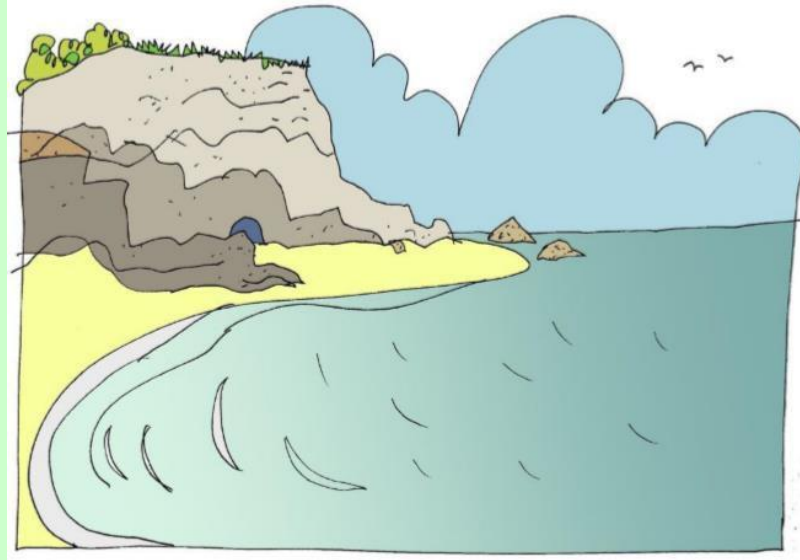
Copy the link into the browser to listen to the story:
<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/sandy/s-cpd0mheQjwP>

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- Empty words/nouns
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It...
- Threatening noises
footsteps
water dripping
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creaky floorboards
- Questions to make your reader think (rhetorical questions)
Who was there?
What was it?
Would they make it?



Story: Adventure at Sandy Cove



“Hurry up,” shouted Joe as he climbed over the rocks. Carefully, Rahul followed. The two boys stopped at a rock pool and began to search for shells. “Hey, what’s this?” shouted Joe to Rahul. In the rock pool was a small, black box wrapped in plastic. The boys tugged it loose. What was inside? Joe pressed the silver catch and the lid popped open. The box was full of sparkling jewels!

Story: Adventure at Sandy Cove

At that moment, a scruffy old man shouted at the boys. His wolf-like dog barked menacingly. Joe snapped the lid down, picked up the box and the two boys began to scramble over the rocks. They slipped and struggled towards the cliffs.

“Quick! Let’s hide in here,” said Joe, rushing into a cave. It was dark and damp inside and they could hear water dripping. They felt their way further in and crouched behind a rock. Rahul’s heart pounded like a bass guitar. All at once, the scruffy man appeared at the cave mouth. He shone a torch around. The light cast shadows on the cave wall. The children ducked down and kept as still as stone, but the dog could sense them. It padded closer and closer, growling menacingly. Rahul gripped Joe’s arm. They could see its white teeth, smell its damp hair and feel its hot meaty breath.

Story: Adventure at Sandy Cove

Suddenly, there was a distant shout. "Here, dog!" hissed the man, roughly grabbing its collar. "Those boys have got away – quick, after them!" Joe and Rahul held their breath until they could hear the sound of the man and his dog stumbling back across the rocks. They waited for a long while before creeping out. Even though the beach was empty, the boys ran home as fast as they could.

At first, Mum didn't believe them. It was only when Joe opened the box that she decided to call the police. When the police arrived, they told Mum that the big house up the road had been burgled only the night before. They had spent all day searching for a trace of the jewels.

Story: Adventure at Sandy Cove

Their only clue had been the footprints of a large dog. Joe shut his eyes. He could image the headlines: 'PRICELESS JEWELS FOUND BY SCHOOLBOY DETECTIVES.' And there was a reward too.

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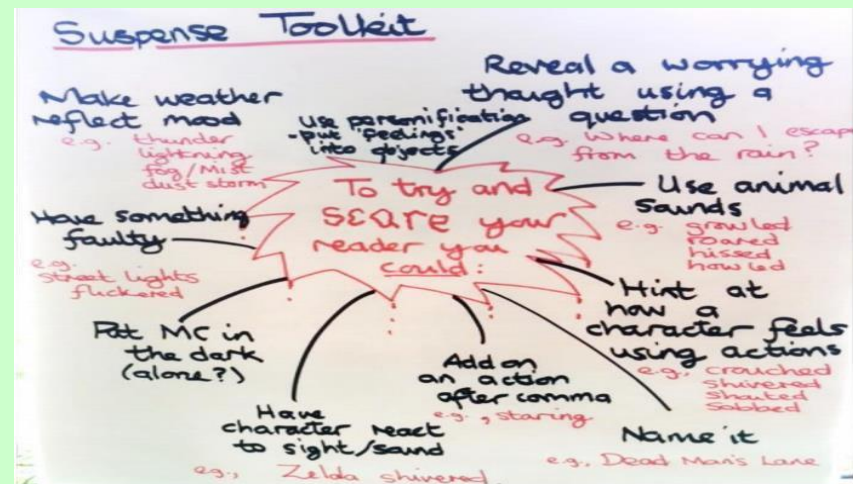
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The dilemma – box 3, because in this part the danger increases and it looks like there is no escape.



Effective suspense sentences

Have a look at the four sentences below. Which do you think builds the most suspense and why? Remember to look back at the toolkit to see what tools help with suspense.

Lenny was petrified as the monster was scary.

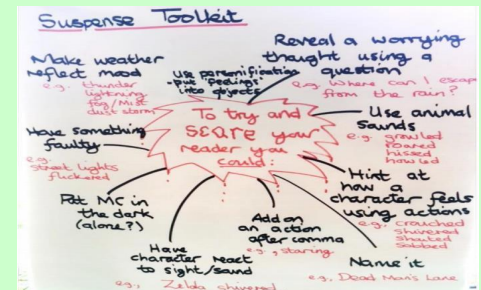
Thud. He froze. Panic filled his chest. There was no escape. Would he survive?

The door in front of her screeched open. Footsteps moved towards her but she could see nothing.

This was it. They held onto each other tightly and prayed. Why did they come here?

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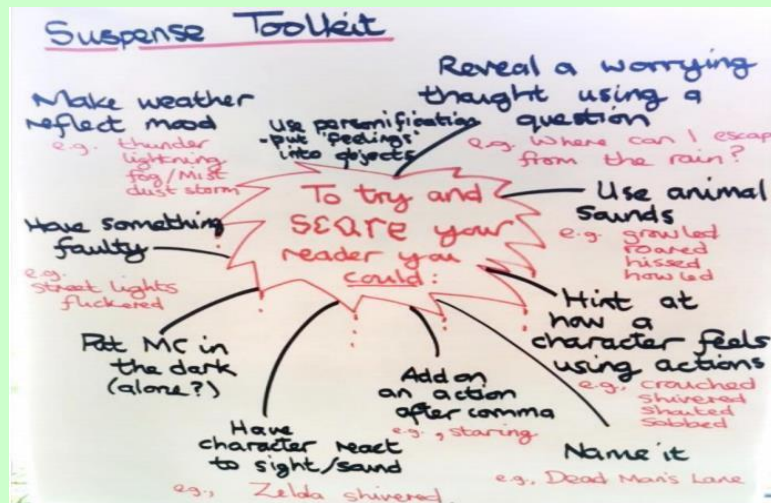


Activity: effective suspense sentences

Your turn!

Write five effective suspense sentences.

Use your toolkit to help you



Challenge!

Can you include:

- a rhetorical question
- repetition of a word or key phrase
- threatening noises

It doesn't have to be all in the same sentence.

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Reflection



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This is because...