

Year 5 English Home Learning

Let's write...

Mystery and Suspense

We have been learning about writing in order to create a particular effect for the reader. Let's focus on creating drama and suspense!

These are writing techniques for building suspense and creating drama:

- Short, sharp sentences (not all sentences need to be short, they only become shorter and sharper as the suspense mounts)
- Use of similes/metaphors (e.g. The floorboards groaned like a menacing beast.)
- Use of ellipsis (remember to only use ellipsis once or twice in a story, or it can lose its effect)
- Rhetorical questions (e.g. What if we were caught?)

Write a paragraph that creates tension and suspense. You could use one of these sentence starters to begin your writing:

"The door creaked open slowly and something crashed to the floor..."

"The darkness engulfed them. They were all alone. Helpless."

Or you could use one of these pictures as inspiration:



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Grammar and Punctuation Revision

Can you rewrite this direct speech sentence with all the missing punctuation?



the sandwich shop
worker asked
can I help you

Look at the underlined word in each sentence. Is it being used as a verb or a noun?

During March, I made an Easter bonnet.

The soldiers began to march up the hill.

Tick one conjunction to complete the following sentence.

The children still played the football match _____ it was raining.

although

until

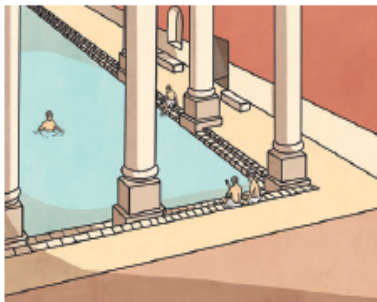
nor

if

Insert ONE comma in the correct place in each sentence below:

In ancient Roman times only men were allowed to attend the public baths.

Unfortunately women were not permitted within the building.



Underline the relative clause in the following sentence:

Ostriches, which are one of the few flightless birds, can run up to 70 kilometres per hour.

