

Can I use tension and suspense within my writing to hook the reader?

What do we mean by tension and suspense?




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What Is Tension?

Tension is something that writers use to create a problem in their stories.

Tension means feeling worry, fear, nerves or pressure. You can also create **tension** between characters if they argue.




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Building Tension and Suspense

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- Short, shocking sentences
- Subordinate and relative clauses to make the reader wait even longer
- Ellipses (...)
- Physical reactions from the character (*her heart was in her mouth*)
- Appealing to the reader's senses
- Exciting synonyms (*shuffled*)
- Similes and metaphors
- Onomatopoeia



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How does this link to our book?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBJM5yV7T-M>


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As we set off, I felt optimistic about the journey ahead. As we ventured deeper into the vast expanse, that was the Atlantic Ocean, my optimism turned to angst. Crash!! A deafening noise bellowed through the rickety ship as something crashed against the bottom deck. Scream!! Babies, children and adults, who had worry etched on their face, cried despairingly with the darkness of fear controlling their movement, their thoughts, their everything. I did not know what to do. Calmness felt like a distant stranger. After a moment of hesitation, I plucked up the courage to peer out of the window. In that my moment, my heart sank. Towering waves, which looked intent with destruction, were tormenting the passive blue ocean.

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Figurative language?

Figurative Language

<p>Metaphor She is a ray of sunshine. Heart of stone. He is the light of my life. A rollercoaster of emotions.</p>	<p>Personification The snow speaks. The grass tickled my feet. The leaves danced on the trees. The husky corn spoke.</p>
<p>Onomatopoeia Crash! Splash! Boom! Pop! Bam! Snap! Honk! Buzz! Drip! Swish! Ring! Crackle!</p>	<p>Alliteration Evil eagles eat eels. Dreary, dismal darkness. Pretty purple purses. Adjectives and adverbs.</p>
<p>Simile Pure as snow. Quiet as a mouse. Busy as a bee. Cute as a kitten.</p>	<p>Idiom Time flies. Cat got your tongue. Broken heart. Face the music.</p>
<p>Hyperbole For the millionth time, be quiet! He's got a brain the size of a pea. These shoes are killing me. Speed up- a snail can go faster than you!</p>	

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See <small>(Detailed description of surroundings)</small>	Hear
Feel/touch	Physical Reactions

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Year 5 Top Ticks

Check key spellings	
Conjunctions (coordinating and subordinating)	
Fronted adverbials	
Expanded noun phrase	
Modal verb	
Relative clause	
Commas to mark clauses	
Hyphen	
Parenthesis	
Colon to introduce a list	
Accurately punctuated speech	

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