

above his head...

Hopper awake! The Savage stared into Hopper's exhausted eyes, forming a dangerous grin upon his face. Without warning, an ear-splitting scream slipped out of his mouth as he scrambled to the corner of his bed. He was a statue, as cold as stone. His legs trembled, <sup>sp.</sup> followed by another scream. Rapidly, the axe was dropped by the Savage as he leaped out of the window, crashing down onto the grass below. ✓

#### Suspenseful writing uses:

- Short sentences to increase the speed at which the reader reads.
- Ellipses (...) to create the pause in reading and leave a cliff hanger - What happens next?
- Use good descriptive techniques to create a picture in the reader's mind e.g. similes, metaphors, expanded noun phrases.

#### Successful Action Writing Will:

- Keep speech short
- Use precise, powerful verbs
- Use dashes to add suspense
- Use short sentences to increase pace



Today you will write an example of both!



✓ Simply WOW! You are able to write with suspense and your action sequence had me on the edge of my seat! SG

✓ Short, punchy sentences to speed the pace. SG

✓ Beautiful description of the setting SG

✓ Figurative language SG

★4 semi-colons Without warning, an ear-splitting scream slipped out of his mouth as he scrambled to the corner of his bed; he was a statue cold as stone.