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LOIT can create suspense and tension in my writing using key language devices

Bloated and full as a balloon, the savage couldn't sleep; he needed to kill Hopper. His eyes went a blood red as he scuttled out of his colossal cave like a millipede. Although his eye was still shining from the blood on the rabbit's his blood thirsty rampage was calmed. However, through the black smog he smelt a nasty smell, it was Hoppers house. If anyone was awake they would spot bug-like eyes in the smog. Once he arrived at the dull grey house, he started hammering.

As the gate wiggles brittle as ice, he smashed it down with one kick. It burst open like a broken dam in time with the squawking of a murder of crows. He crawled through the door and looked for a last time at the surrounding areas, the CO-OP and the Grey Horse pub. What a humble place, he sneered. As he slowly crawled up the stairway under the smelt the foul air. He was in the bedroom. He lifted the axe above Hoppers head

However, he had a change of heart. He fell to his knees and dropped the axe. Hearing the bang, Hopper awoke

and pinned the savage against the wall. The savage muttered a word he didn't know, "Garry" as he plunged a knife into Hoppers chest. Out of respect, he didn't throw the body down the pit shaft. The savage saw some innocence in the child and for that he was truly sorry.

* You have really created suspension and tension using short sentences
* Excellent use of punctuation.

NEXT - try to use a full range of punctuation including brackets and colons

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

