

LO: To write a suspense story opener

Structure

A child walks along clifftop and sees a decrepit house. Stargely, they feel forced to go towards it.
Walk up path through “Gate of Fate” and up towards the door “Keep of Sleep”.
Walk into gloomy hallway and up the stairs.
See numbered doors. Reach Number 13. Enter “The Room of Doom”.
In the room the character sees a wooden box with a shape. Voice whispers “The Bed of Dread”.

Suspense Techniques

- * short sentences / one word sentence
- * question to the reader
- * empty words e.g something or someone was there
- * repetition e.g. Something was coming. Closer and closer.
- * powerful vocabulary e.g peered, clenched, grasped
- * similes
- * personification
- * use of ellipsis (...)



Remember to include

Expanded noun phrases (The long, lonely pathway)
Imagery (The house stared at them, the shadows crept beside them, the darkness strangled them)
Adverbial sentence starters
Varied punctuation
Some speech