

Year 5 Reading



Monday 8th June 2020

LO: To consider how an author creates atmosphere.

Let's read chapter 3, where we see the Dursleys fleeing their family home and Harry receiving an unexpected knock at his door. Who could it be?

Read chapter 3: 'The letters from no one' or listen to the audio clip:

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Main task: How does the author create suspense in the paragraph below?

Suspense: a state or feeling of excited or anxious uncertainty about what may happen.

Success Criteria

- 1) Read the extract below, from the end of Chapter 3.
- 2) Identify words and phrases that help to create suspense in this part of the story.
- 3) Use these examples to write a paragraph about how the author creates suspense.



End of chapter 3

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Possible sentence Starters:

- J.K. Rowling has created suspense in this part of the story by using language such as...
- As a reader, this extract makes you feel... this is because of words such as...
- The onomatopoeia 'Boom' might cause the reader to...
- At the end of the chapter the reader is left with questions such as...

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- 3) Write these examples in a bullet pointed list.



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