

Try to include:

- Unlevelled word/phrase choices (adjectives, verbs, adverbs)
- Fronted adverbials (different ways to start sentences)
- Similes/metaphors
- Personification
- Short sentences to build suspense
- Commas/dashes/brackets to add extra information (you may not want to add these when you are trying to create short sentences for suspense)

Opening

An eerie full moon in an abandoned town peered across the night sky, which was scattered with numerous stars that periodically blinked. Nestled in the heart of the town, stood an ancient, stone church which watched proudly and protectively over the town as it slept. The town was filled with a deafening silence – nothing stirred.

Just then, one little light infiltrated the dark silence. In one swift motion, a moth-like creature descended upon 2655 Kensington Avenue. The intriguing creature grasped the edge of the shutters with his long, bony fingers. He took a step forward and pushed the window ajar.

Consulting his notebook, which he kept in his back pocket, he was relieved to realise that he had arrived at the correct address. Oblivious to what was happening, the deprived, young children slept contently in the orphanage, despite the absence of their parents. Being careful not to wake the children, the dream giver fluttered down and lay his hessian bag (which had a glowing light as bright as the stars emanating from it) at the end of the child's bed.

After picking up one of the luminous eggs from the bag, the suspicious creature tiptoed as quiet as a mouse towards the delicate ballet shoes, that lay at the end of a young girl's bed, and gently cracked the magical, glowing dream egg onto the shoes. With one splash of magic, the shoes turned vibrant pink and a little dancer began to dance across her bed and into her dreams. Next, he crept over to the open book on the young boy's bed. When he saw the book was about space, he tingled with excitement. As he cracked the egg onto the book, a grin spread across the boy's face as he drifted towards the stars in his astronaut suit and his dream was filled with the wonders of space. Pleased with his work, the mysterious figure swept across the room setting off dreams for every child.

Build up

Immersed in a world of space and rockets, the young boy turned in his sleep to peep through the spaceship window at the Earth below. His leg gently knocked one of the magical eggs that lay at the end of his bed. It rolled towards the edge of the bed. Crack! Where had it landed?

Without warning, beams of light began to fill the room and swirls of stars whirled around the space cadet like a tornado. Within seconds, he was swallowed by a hungry vortex. Fearing what the egg had cracked on, the dream giver hastily scampered over to take a look. The egg lay on a frightening book, which was opened onto a chapter titled 'Chantico – Shadow Serpent'. The once grinning boy was no longer smiling. He was no longer in space.