

# Mystery and Suspense

Term Three study of films and stories. Zac Alberti WORDS 1A.



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## **Mysterious**

With the jagged vines and odd misshapen trees, the forest appears **mysterious**.

## **Chilling**

As I walked into the dark room, I felt a **chilling** wave hit me like a heavy weighted blanket.

## **Dread**

My whole body was filled with **dread** as I felt I was being watched by someone in the shadows.

## **Harrowing**

I heard a **harrowing** scream behind me and my adrenaline kicked in and I ran like the wind away from the awful sound.

## **Bleak**

Walking into the hospital to visit my dad the room looked **bleak** and cold.

## **Shiver**

I felt a **shiver** down my spine when I heard a 'tap, tap, tap' on the windowsill.

## **Breathless.**

I felt **breathless** as I heard a mysterious voice calling from the darkness

## Paragraph endings

Being home alone, I was terrified of the noise after all the warnings about robberies in our suburb. The home phone was disabled, my own mobile was out of battery and there was a strange noise outside. It was loud. It was getting closer. I knew I would have to investigate it. Shaking, I walked towards the front door.

I saw a dark shadow through the glass of our front door. The key jingled and I saw the lock turning.

I began to run but then I realised the shadow looked familiar and it was my friend next door coming to see if I wanted to play video games.

It was Halloween and the kids ran too fast for me.  
'Come back' I called in fear.

There was nothing fun about this night for a ten-year-old kid like me. The street was deserted because my friends had run too fast for me and I hadn't been here before. The houses were unfamiliar and a bit creepy.

Then I saw it; a horrible monster near the house in front of me. It growled and grunted.

But as it came closer, I realised it my friend's little brother dressed in his Halloween costume.

The shadows grew longer, and the moonlight darkened as the clouds moved across the sky. It was too late to be outside, but I had stayed at work after school for too long.

The walk home to my place was through the woods and the only creatures were owls and a few rabbits.

But tonight, I was spooked. It was very dark because the moon hid behind clouds. The woods that were fun during the day, now seemed strange and dangerous.

I was frightened and then out of nowhere a hand touched me on my shoulder.

I screamed and turned around, realising it was just a tree branch that looked like a hand, like a long jagged arm.

They had been chasing me for so long that I had no breath left. The bullies from school had seen me even though I had been so careful. I had tried to evade them but this time they were determined. Where could I run? Where could I hide?

'When we get you oh boy are we gonna thump you Jordy!' yelled Stephen, their leader.

He was a nasty guy, always looking to cause trouble but only when he had his gang with him.

My goose was cooked!

I ran until I could barely see or breathe and then I hid behind a skip, at the back of Maccas.

Stephen must have seen me because I could hear him laughing close by.

Footsteps came closer to me.

Just when I thought I was going to be caught the back door of Maccas flung open. It was my sister who worked there taking out the rubbish right at the perfect time to come to my rescue.

## Wolf on the fold Judith Clarke

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- 1.The reason why Kenny hates his new teeth is because they hurt really bad and he gets teased by everyone when he talks.
- 2.Because his family is on the verge of being poor and he has to step up to help the family. The family would split up if he did not find work.
3. He is just a mere child in the workforce and he is nervous because he will be only teenage boy out of all the men there.

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- 1.Illustration
- 2.The warning was to be careful and don't veer off the path and don't stop for anybody.

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1. yes because it sounds ominous
- 2.She is afraid of losing Kenny. There had been murders and she didn't want him to be the next victim.
- 3.Red Riding Hood. The predator is the Wolf.



### Slide 25

- 1.Because he saw fire and his hands and body temperature were very low and the fire looked inviting.
- 2.He broke free of the stranger's grasp.
- 3.yes by always to be on your guard and never let his guard down.
- 4.Because he got the job he saved his family from splitting apart and was more aware of his surroundings in the future.

### Slide 20

- 1.Because of the glare in his eye and waiting for his prey to approach.



# Hollywood cards

## CREATIVE WRITING

I am a shadow person. I am the past. I am lurking in the haunted wood of misshapen trees that look like haunted faces. Discarded bushes look like tarantula legs and I am here looking for my next victim.



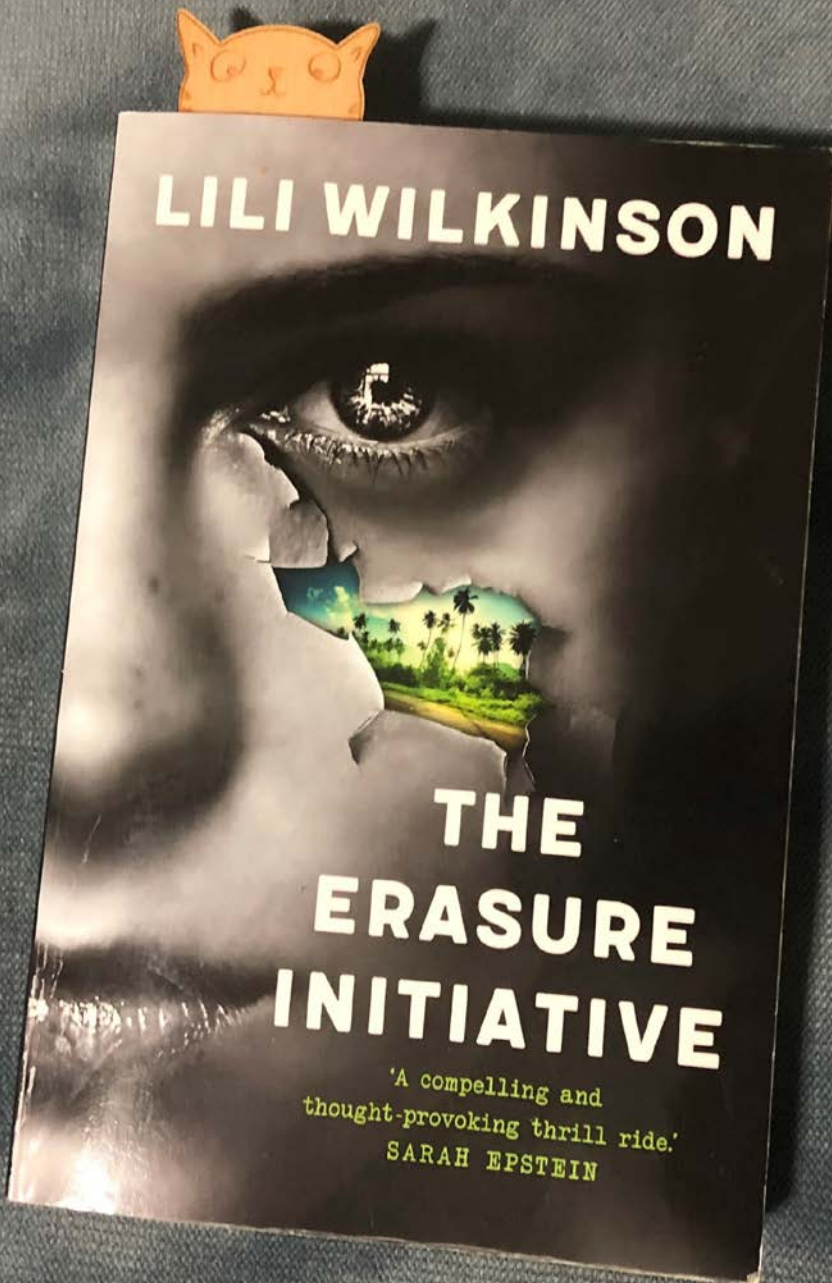
In the middle of the forest I see a goblin who is gazing into a mirror. The goblin is not smiling but the reflection has an evil grin on his face. As the goblin continues to stare at his evil reflection he has noticed a dark figure emerge from the forest behind him. He will be my victim.



I have devoured the goblin's body and soul and all that remains is hard bones lying in the forest. As I look down at the discarded bones a black crow lands on the goblin's skull and pecked at the remains. As I walked away I felt my hunt has ended and I am satisfied. For now.







**Which fictional story, novel or film** have you seen that you would describe as being a suspenseful mystery?

I have been reading a book call *The Erasure Initiative*. The author's name is Lili Wilkinson. She is an Australian writer and actually lives in Melbourne. I read one of her books last year called *After the Lights Go Out* and thought I would enjoy another book of hers.

In *The Erasure Initiative* the protagonist woke up on a bus and didn't know how she got there. When she looked around she saw there were other people waking up and not knowing how they were on the bus either. They could not remember their names or any details about themselves. They had no memories. The people on the bus were wearing red and blue t-shirts and it turns out that this represents two teams. The bus is a self-driving bus and everyone has a computer screen in front of their seat. They received a question on the screen and had to vote on an answer to a question. The question said there are two paths ahead. One path has 5 people and the other has 1. The bus is not stopping which path should the bus take? There is a bit of chaos on the bus about which path to take and once the vote is in they took the path with 1 person but it turns out to there was no impact and the person disappeared when the bus hit them.

I chose this book because it has mystery and suspense. The characters in the story and the reader don't know what is going to happen next. The chapters end with a bit of a cliffhanger and you can start to try and predict what will happen and how to solve the mystery. I quite like how it is almost leading the reader on and you get hooked like a fish and as the story progresses little bits of the characters are revealed bit by bit. You are learning about the character as they are learning it themselves and I think that is interesting.

I have only read a few chapters and I am sure I will enjoy reading the rest of the book.

# PHOBIAS

There are 4 main categories of phobias.

1. Fear about environments
2. Fear about animals
3. Fear about medical treatments
4. Fear about situations

**Dendrophobia** (fear of trees) it impacts them because if they get worried about trees falling on their property on their car or thinking about their family or friends getting stuck under a tree they get anxiety and start to panic.

**Alektorophobia** is the fear of chickens.

**Trypanophobia** is a fear of injections.

**Xanthophobia** is a fear of the colour yellow.



I would find the fear of injections the most difficult. I am already a bit worried about getting injections. No one really likes to get them but if it was a phobia it would make going to the doctors or getting a blood test very difficult. Needles are something everyone has to do at some point in life especially with COVID and everyone has to cooperate and get their injection.

signs





Why does Graham create a feast for the family? Because they were worried they might not survive the night and it might be the last meal in their life.

2. Why is Graham so against religion since his wife's death? Because he lost his love of his life and now has lots faith in God.

3. How does Graham upset the children  
He made them upset when he did not want to say grace and started to get angry.

4. Suspense is created in the next frame - how? Why is the baby monitor in sharp focus in the foreground, while the family is blurred in the background? How is 'music' or sound effects used to create tension?

The baby monitor is having the transmission come from alien race and it shows that is what the family is focused on. The music creates tension by giving energy to the scene and environment.



# THE FUGITIVE



This was a suspenseful action-packed movie with lots of twists and thrills.