

Creative Writing

Writing a horror story.

Horror stories create fear. The images used are scary creatures like witches, ghosts, bats, vampires; places like grave-yards, dark forests, caves and old, haunted houses. Events like thunder, lightning and fire adds to the fear.

The hero or heroine is usually an ordinary person who has had a very frightening and horrible experience.

Sometimes in the story, the hero or heroine overcomes fear; at other times the fear disappears, leaving the person still amazed at the experience.

Figurative language can be used to help set the mood .

My heart pounded as if it would burst through my chest

Chills ran up and down my body as my pores raised causing me to shiver uncontrollably

My heart pounded as perspiration leaked down my chilled body

Writing practice

You and your friends are caught in a storm while on your way home from a fishing trip. You come upon an abandoned house so you all decide to wait out the storm there but later that night you began hearing strange noises and seeing dark shadows.

Write a story detailing the events of the night and what you and your friends did.