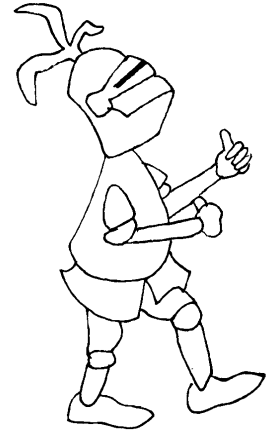


## Steps to Writing Suspense:

1. **Start with the protagonist (e.g. knight).**
2. **Tell what the protagonist (knight):**
  - \*saw (body or face parts)
  - \*heard
3. **Show how the protagonist felt (fear or courage):**
  - \*face parts
  - \*body parts
  - \*speech
  - \*actions
4. **Tell what he encountered.**



### **EXAMPLE:**

Edging towards the cave, Sir Rodney suddenly stopped. Two glittering eyes shone from the dark shadows and then a low voice hissed, "I hear you." Heart hammering, the knight reached for his sword. Wisps of smoke curled from the dragon's nostrils as it turned a scaly head round to stare him in the face.

## Suspense Dictionary

### **Main Character Saw:**

**eyes** - glittered/gleamed/flushed/glowed/flickered/glinted/locked/sparked  
**shadow**- darkened/loomed/covered/flickered/stretched/hung/hovered/tracked/  
grew/covered/enveloped/licked/inched/stalked/followed/crept/shifted/emerged/  
dwindled/lengthened/reached/melted  
**tail** - smacked/thrashed/swept/smacked/bristled/stood/rose

### **Main Character Heard:**

**footsteps** - echoed/pounded/slapped/shook/padded/thumped/crashed/echoed/stag-  
gered/shuffled/limped/dragged/raced  
**voice** - screamed/shrieked/boomed/thundered/echoed/howled/yowled/cackled/  
screeched/cried/hissed/whispered/sizzled/rolled/rumbled  
**wings** - flapped/drummed/smacked/swished/fluttered/flapped  
**fire** - snapped/crackled/hissed/popped/gasped/flickered/smoked/raced/devoured/  
leaped/scorched/blistered  
**door** - slammed/creaked/clicked/pounded/banged/swung

### **Main Character's:**

**heart** - raced/pounded/hammered/knocked/tapped/thumped/stopped  
**knees** - trembled/knocked/locked/froze/clattered/buckled/collapsed  
**breath** - sucked in/held/came in wisps/gasped/choked  
**face**- turned/grew/became/went white/blue/green  
**body** - shook/trembled/froze/fled/whisked/melted/collapsed/fell/tripped/turned/  
twisted/raced/darted/shrank/faced