

COLOUR

e.g.

*A dark shadow moved slowly across the doorway

*Deep in the black cave, Abdul could see the yellow glint of its eyes

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SHORT SENTENCES

e.g.

*Help!

*Ali froze.

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PUNCTUATION

e.g.

*Stop!

*Then suddenly he saw it ...

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DESCRIPTIVE WORDS

ADJECTIVES/ ADVERBS
/ STRONG WORDS

e.g.

*Frantically she ripped open the stained and crumpled envelope

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METAPHOR/ SIMILE

e.g.

*A red sun boiled up into the sky

*They stood like broken trees, their hands dangling like willow branches in the wind

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ASK QUESTIONS

e.g.

*Why were the bean seeds growing so quickly? Was someone using magic?

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LEAVE THE READER THINKING

e.g.

*Shemul felt its hot breath on the back of his neck. What was it? Shemul dared not look around.

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PASSIVE VERBS

e.g.

*The bag had been taken. Emma knew that someone must have been in the room

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STORY HOOKS

e.g.

*Who had opened the secret cupboard? Tahmeena was determined to find out.

*The sun shone brightly on the fresh new buds but no bird song filled the air.

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DROP CLUES

e.g.

*Mohammed did not notice the two piercing green eyes watching him from behind the curtains.

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