

SUSPENSE TOOLKIT

To scare my readers



REPETITION POWER OF 3

I felt its eyes watching me. I felt its breath getting heavier. I felt its footsteps come closer.

ADD QUESTIONS

To show how the character is feeling.
Involve your reader.



MYSTERY Hint of DANGER Main character is alone

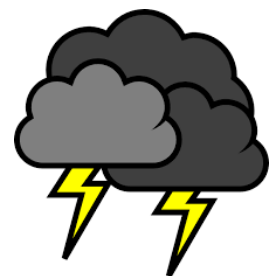
USE 'IT' PRONOUN
make SOMETHING or
SOMEONE unknown using 'it'

SHORT sentences

Well thought through (AD)VERBS

padded, slinking, slipped, tip-toed, crept
stealthily, sneakily

Consider WEATHER
or TIME of DAY



SHOW NOT TELL



Use **SOME** of these techniques to help
structure a **suspenseful** piece of writing.