

39 The language of horror

If you want to write spine-tingling, nightmarish, weird stories, choose words that will keep the reader on the edge of their seat.



GETTING STARTED

The words below are found in horror, ghost, or supernatural stories. Use your Oxford dictionaries to sort the words in the right column to match their meaning.

apparition	conjuror	beast	ghoul	warlock	fiend
sorcerer	phantom	magician	spectre	crone	ogre
	troll	enchantress	sorceress	hag	









GHOST	MONSTER	WITCH	WIZARD




MOVING ON

Use spooky words to complete the sentences below. Use the shapes in the gaps to help you choose a word.

 <p>scary frightening hair-raising horrifying petrifying terrifying</p>	 <p>weird sinister grotesque mysterious supernatural eerie</p>	 <p>dark black dingy gloomy overcast inky</p>	 <p>cold freezing bitter chilly icy wintry</p>
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- The room was  _____ and the atmosphere was  _____.
A  _____ figure came towards me and whispered in a  _____ voice.
- It was a  _____ day in January and the graveyard was full of  _____ shapes. The  _____ sky added to the  _____ sensation that I was being watched.
- Now write a spooky sentence of your own.

 How many did you get right?

5 = NOVICE

15 = EXPERT

20 = MAESTRO