

Make a list of some of the present participle phrases you can find in the text.

1 'howling at the doors'

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ACTIVITY 1

A01

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING

▼ STRUCTURE AS A TECHNIQUE

Structure is an effective technique in all types of writing and can be used to create tension and suspense in ghost stories. In this extract, suspense is built throughout to reach a climax, where the narrator drums his fists against the floor, and then to a sense of resolution, where he calms down.

Copy and complete the following table, listing the events and commenting on how each adds to the build-up of suspense.

▼ EVENTS	▼ COMMENT
Reads a book and then goes to sleep	Creates a sense of the ordinary, even though the weather is harsh. The sense of inner calm suggested here makes the change that occurs later more effective by contrast.
Wakes suddenly	Brings a change. The fact that he woke suddenly hints that something might be wrong.
The force of the wind has increased	
Hears a cry	



▲ The Loch Ness Monster is a modern Scottish legend.

ACTIVITY 2

A01

A04

SKILLS INNOVATION, COMMUNICATION, TEAMWORK, INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

▼ URBAN LEGENDS

'Urban legends' are modern day folklore that consist of largely fictional stories that have supernatural and/or frightening elements.

- 1 Discuss why it is important to be able to distinguish between fact and fiction in the many stories you hear and read every day. Try to include examples of hoaxes with which you are familiar. For example, you may have heard of the Loch Ness Monster, a creature said to live in a lake in the Scottish Highlands. Someone claimed to have photographed the Monster in 1934, but the photograph was proved a hoax in the 1990s.
- 2 An urban legend that comes from the USA is that of the Candy Lady. It is connected to the history of Clara Crane, a woman who is said to have lived in a small town in Texas around the turn of the 20th century. The story goes that her daughter died in an accident which Clara blamed on her husband. She then murdered him by giving