

Creating Atmosphere and Tension – Haunted House

Can you re-write and improve this paragraph to add atmosphere and tension?

Use the words in the word bank below to help you.

At the end of a dirt track, trees parted to reveal an old, rundown house. There were no signs of life. There were no birds flying in the sky, no stray cats hunting for mice. The house was completely empty. The windows were covered up and the paintwork had faded, suggesting that no one had lived here for years. Suddenly, a sound emerged from the house. Was it the cry of a child? Or was it the warnings of a mad person?



eerie
derelict
whining

haunted
creepy
sinister

ancient
deserted
spine-chilling

abandoned
wailing
mysterious

evil
creaking
shadowy

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Can you rewrite this paragraph and add tension by using some of the following:

- similes
- metaphors
- descriptive and emotive vocabulary
- alliteration
- short sentences
- a cliff-hanger

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Write a paragraph to describe the scene below.
Use the following to create atmosphere and tension:

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