

Now have a go yourself at seeing if you can spot any of these tools again in the next paragraph – the resolution one. There may be some additional ones – see if you can spot them. Use these two posters of suspense toolkits to help you.

To create **SUSPENSE** we can ...

"Watch out!"

- use speech to move the action on
"Run!" "Careful..." "Hurry up!"
- **SHOW** not tell shaking/shivering
Rahul gripped Joe's arm goosebumps
- use **SCARY** noises growling water dripping
echo footsteps silence floorboards whispers
- use **EMPTY** words somebody it silhouette
- make your reader think Was it safe?
Who was there? What was that? Should....?
- Link our story together adverbials
At that moment, Later on, In the end,

