

Learning Scenario Template

Title	Crafting a Scary Story
Subject	English as a Second Language (Writing)
Grade Level	14-year-olds (C1 level ESL)
Duration	1 hour and 30 minutes
Objective(s)	 Vocabulary Enhancement: Students will learn and incorporate new vocabulary related to horror and suspense. Language Acquisition: Students will practice using descriptive language and specific narrative techniques. Grammar Focus: Reinforce past tenses and conditional sentences in storytelling. Writing Structures: Students will write a short scary story following narrative conventions (introduction, rising action, climax, and resolution).
Pedagogical Methods	 Direct Instruction: Vocabulary introduction. Collaborative Learning: Group brainstorming and peer review. Guided Practice: Writing with teacher support.
Structure	 Introduction (15 minutes): Discuss elements of a good scary story (atmosphere, tension, suspense). Introduce key vocabulary: eerie, sinister, spine-chilling, lurking, bloodcurdling, petrified, etc. Activity 1: Group Brainstorm (20 minutes): Students will brainstorm ideas for their scary stories in groups. Each group will create a short story outline (introduction, key events, climax, and resolution). Use the vocabulary discussed earlier. Activity 2: Writing (30 minutes):
	- Focus on grammar structures: past tense, conditionals (e.g., "If he had not opened the door, he wouldn't have seen").



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	4. Activity 3: Peer Review (10 minutes):
	- In pairs, students will exchange stories and give feedback on
	vocabulary usage and narrative flow.
	5. Conclusion (15 minutes):
	- Volunteers read their stories aloud.
	- Discuss what makes the stories effective and highlight the best use
	of vocabulary and narrative structure.
	of the sequence or flow of activities and content in the scenario.
Materials/Resources	- Vocabulary handouts
	- Writing paper or digital devices
	- A projector for vocabulary examples and story structure guide
Pre-requisites	- Familiarity with past tenses and conditionals.
	- Basic understanding of narrative structures.
Activities & Procedures	Activity 1: Group Brainstorm
	Duration : 20 minutes
	Objective : Generate ideas for a scary story, practice using new
	vocabulary.
	Instructions:
	1. Divide students into small groups (3-4 students per group).
	2. Give each group a list of key vocabulary (e.g., eerie, sinister,
	petrified) and discuss how these words could fit into a scary story.
	3. Have students brainstorm and create an outline for their own scary
	story. The outline should include:
	- Setting (Where and when is the story taking place?)
	- Main Character (Who is the protagonist?)
	- Conflict (What is the scary or tense situation?)
	- Climax (What is the most intense moment?)
	- Resolution (How does the story end?)
	4. Encourage them to use the vocabulary discussed and ensure their
	story structure follows a clear progression.
	Materials:
	- Vocabulary handouts
	- Group brainstorming worksheets or paper
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	Activity 2: Individual Story Writing
	Duration: 30 minutes
	Objective: Write a scary story using the ideas from the group
	brainstorm and applying vocabulary, grammar structures, and
	narrative conventions.
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	1. Ask students to take their group's outline and begin writing their
	own individual version of the story.
	2. Remind them to focus on:



- Using past tenses and conditional sentences to add complexity (e.g., "If I had known what was behind the door...").
 - Descriptive language to create atmosphere and tension.
- Narrative structure: introduction, rising action, climax, and resolution.
- 3. Monitor students as they write, offering support with vocabulary or grammar as needed.

Materials:

- Writing paper or digital devices

Activity 3: Peer Review

Duration:10 minutes

Objective: Provide constructive feedback on a peer's story, focusing on vocabulary usage and narrative structure.

Instructions:

- 1. Pair up students and have them exchange their written stories.
- 2. Ask students to read their partner's story and give feedback using the following criteria:
 - Did the story include the new vocabulary?
 - Does the story follow a clear narrative structure?
 - Are past tenses and conditional sentences used correctly?
 - Is there good use of descriptive language?
- 3. Allow students to discuss their feedback with each other, offering suggestions for improvement.

Materials:

- Peer review checklist or feedback guide

Activity 4: Story Sharing and Discussion

Duration: 15 minutes

Objective: Reflect on effective storytelling techniques, celebrate student creativity, and reinforce language learning.

Instructions:

- 1. Ask for volunteers to read their scary story aloud to the class.
- 2. After each reading, engage the class in a discussion:
- What elements of the story were most effective in creating suspense?
- How well did the student use descriptive language and vocabulary?
- How did the narrative structure help build tension and resolve the story?
- 3. Highlight excellent use of vocabulary and grammar, giving positive reinforcement.

Materials:



	- Student-written stories
	- Feedback form for teacher notes
Assessment/Evaluation	Formative Assessment: Teacher observation during group work and
	peer review.
	Summative Assessment: Evaluation of the final scary story for
	vocabulary usage, grammar accuracy, and narrative structure.
Extensions/Modifications	Advanced students can expand their stories to include dialogue.
	- Struggling students can work on a simpler version of the story with
	more teacher guidance.
Additional Notes	
Attachments/Links	