

## The Shortest Horror Story:

“The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door.”

# 2-Sentence Horror Stories

Language Arts 8



What are  
they?

- Two complete sentences,  
usually of different  
lengths
  - First sentence sets up the  
situation
  - Second sentence provides  
a creepy twist
  - The ending is unresolved
- Usually addresses some  
common fear (home  
invasion, claustrophobia,  
etc.)

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Example

- There was a picture of me sleeping on my phone. I live alone.

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## Example

- I can't move, breathe, speak or hear and it's so dark all the time. If I knew it would be this lonely, I would have been cremated instead.

## Example

- I woke up to hear knocking on glass. At first, I thought it was the window until I heard it come from the mirror again.

## Example

- I told her there was no monster in the closet as I picked her up and told her she could sleep in our room. It was the best way to get her out of the house without letting him know I saw him.

## Example

- The doctors told the amputee he might experience a phantom limb from time to time. Nobody prepared him for the moments though, when he felt cold fingers brush across his phantom hand.





## Example

- They delivered the mannequins in bubble wrap. From the main room I begin to hear popping.

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- My daughter won't stop crying and screaming in the middle of the night. I visit her grave and ask her to stop, but it doesn't help.

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## Example

- **The upstairs neighbors are awfully noisy. I told my landlord... it's been vacant for months.**



## Example

- Growing up with cats and dogs, I got used to the sound of scratching at my door while I slept. Now that I live alone, it's much more unsettling.

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## Example

- I decided to kill off a few characters in the book I'm writing. It will definitely spice up my autobiography.

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## Example

- I used to be considered the evil twin. Now, I'm an only child.

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## Example

- I burned the dolls even though my children cried. They didn't understand my fear, because they thought I put the dolls in their beds each night.

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## Example

- “I can’t sleep,” she whispered, crawling into bed with me. I woke up, clutching the dress she had been buried in.



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Example

- Please put the mirrors back up. We miss looking at you.

Your Turn

Write your  
own 2-  
sentence  
horror story

- **Must have 2 complete sentences - no run-ons or fragments!**
- **Correct punctuation/spelling**
- **Copy it neatly on a notecard, and decorate the card to be displayed**