

Writing with Suspense

Rewrite this paragraph so that is more suspenseful.

My trip to the local haunted house was very scary. I started out thinking I would meet a ghost, but as it turned out, it was an ordinary house after all. Let me tell you about it.

Begin organizing your suspenseful story. Think of a suspenseful event you have experienced, or create an imaginary situation. Make a list of the events that make up the story. Place a check near the events you could tell early in the story, and place an X next to the events that should be told later to create suspense.

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