

## Analysing structure: Key terminology

	Definition
Cliff-hanger	A dramatic and exciting ending to an episode of a serial, leaving the audience in suspense.
Dialogue	A conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.
Climax	The most intense, exciting, or important point of something.
Dramatic irony	A literary technique, originally used in Greek tragedy, by which the full significance of a character's words or actions is clear to the audience or reader although unknown to the character.
Flashback	A scene in a film, novel, etc. set in a time earlier than the main story.
Flash-forward	A shift forward in time
Tension	Mental or emotional strain.
Suspense	A state of feeling excited or nervous.
Foreshadowing	A warning or indication of a future event.
Inner thoughts	The thoughts and feelings of a character as they occur.
Perspective	A point of view

## Analysing structure: Shift synonyms

	Definition
Shift	Change from one image/ idea to another.
Focus	Zoom in on a specific image/ person/ idea.
Repeat	Show something again.
Switch	Change from one image/ idea to another.
Track	Follow an image/ person/ idea through the text.
Echo	Where an image/ person/ is repeated throughout a text. This may or may not become less obvious as the text progresses.
Juxtapose	Place two images/ ideas/ characters next to each other (do not need to be different).
Contrast	Place two opposite images/ ideas/ characters within the text (this will be more effective the closer they are to each other).

## Analysing structure: Whole text structure

	Definition	Possible impact
Chronological	The describing of events in the order that they occur/ occurred.	To generate tension as the reader is made to feel that they are experiencing the events at the same time as the writer/ persons.
Non-chronological	When events are not described in time order.	To suggest that a character is overwhelmed or confused.
Cyclical	Where events are described in a way that the beginning is made to link to the end.	To suggest a sense of inevitability/ inescapability. To suggest the Circle of Life. To suggest that life goes on.