

THE DEMON LOVER

COPY MASTER

Reading Skill

ANALYZE AMBIGUITY

Ambiguity occurs when a writer intentionally presents elements of a story as confusing or open to interpretation. Writers can use ambiguity to create mystery, as well as to reflect the fact that events in real life are often ambiguous. This technique emphasizes that there may not be a single, clear meaning or interpretation for every event.

Directions: Complete this chart to analyze ambiguous elements in the story.

Examples of Ambiguity	Possible Interpretations
how the mysterious letter arrived	
who sent the letter	
what promise Mrs. Drover made to the soldier twenty-five years ago	
the draft of air from the basement	
the ending of the story	