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Grammar and Style

CRAFT EFFECTIVE SENTENCES

In this story, Lawrence uses **repetition** of key phrases to create **suspense.** He heightens suspense through his use of effective **sentence types and structures.** Lawrence frequently employs short interrogative and exclamatory sentences, such as the repeated exclamatory sentence, "There must be more money!" which build suspense and foreshadow events to come. Consider how Lawrence's use of effective sentences builds suspense in this passage.

She stood, with arrested muscles, outside his door, listening. There was a strange, heavy, and yet not loud noise. Her heart stood still. It was a soundless noise, yet rushing and powerful. Something huge, in violent, hushed motion. What was it? (lines 418–421)

Directions: Using the example as a model, write your own paragraph about a character on the brink of a shocking discovery. Mimic Lawrence's use of short sentences and a variety of effective sentence types. If possible, come up with a compelling phrase to repeat throughout your response.

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