

How a Rescue Sequence Builds Suspense

Around the World in 80 Days

20 minutes

OBJECTIVE

Order a decision and rescue action, then explain how the shift from planning to action increases suspense.

STUDENT PRODUCT

A four-step sequence plus one structural explanation.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How does the order of the rescue episode make the outcome feel uncertain?

TEXT FOCUS

Fogg commits time to the attempt; the rescue action follows through danger and uncertainty.

LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Order | 3 min Place four key actions in chronological order.
2. Mark the shift | 4 min Identify where planning/decision turns into physical action.
3. Notice uncertainty | 5 min State what the reader still does not know at that point.
4. Explain structure | 6 min Write how the shift and uncertainty build suspense.
5. Check | 2 min Your explanation must refer to order, not just danger.

TEACHER KEY / EXPECTED THINKING

The sequence moves from a costly decision into an uncertain rescue action, delaying the result and making the reader wait to learn whether the risk succeeds.

LOOK FOR

- Orders events accurately.
- Identifies the planning-to-action shift.
- Explains how sequence affects suspense.

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