

What is 'suspense'?

How is it created in literature and film?

- Lack of information or bombarded with information
(not always what is written or visual but what is missing)
- Intense action or complete lack of action
- Unresolved conflict or developing new conflict - a dilemma
- Tension and anxiety - music, lighting, dialogue
- Suspicion or foreshadowing
- Characters have a lack of control
- An outcome that is unpredictable