

CREATIVE WRITING TENSION CARDS

Cut out the cards and use them to add tension to your writing.



RACE AGAINST TIME

There isn't much time left. Will your character make it in time?



HIGH STAKES

Something important is at risk. What will happen if your character fails?



CONFLICT

Someone is standing in your character's way. What do they want?



BEING WATCHED

Your character knows they are being watched or followed.



SECRETS

Your character is hiding something. What might happen if it's discovered?



EMOTIONAL TENSION

Your character wants something they can't have.



TOUGH CHOICE

Your character must make a difficult decision. Both choices have a cost.



IMPENDING DANGER

Something bad is about to happen. Foreshadow the threat.



MISSING PIECE

Your character lacks key information. What are they missing?



UNEXPECTED TWIST

Something happens that changes everything.



OVERWHELMING ODDS

The challenge is bigger than your character imagined.



FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

Things seem safe... but they aren't.



NO WAY OUT

Your character is trapped or has nowhere to go.



UNSPOKEN WORDS

Something important is left unsaid.



PAST RETURNS

Something from the past comes back to cause problems.



QUESTION EVERYTHING

Your character doubts what they believe to be true.