

Goosebumps!

Amazing Fact

Animals get goosebumps to stay warm.

Goosebumps occur when your brain sends signals to your muscles, making them tense up. Some muscles are attached to hairs on your skin. When tensed, these muscles cause the hairs on your skin to stand up, pulling at your skin and creating goosebumps. Experiences and feelings such as being cold, hearing emotive music and other strong emotions can create goosebumps. One of the most common causes of goosebumps is when a person is feeling scared.

Challenge

Try your hand at creating goosebumps by finishing this scary story.

Remember to:

- build suspense;
- describe what you can hear, see, smell, taste and touch;
- vary your sentence lengths;
- add lots of detail to create an eerie picture.

Highacre Hall was an old, gloomy, rickety building, which stood alone on the outskirts of town. The windows were smashed long ago and moss-covered, grey slate tiles lay sporadically on the uneven roof. The thick roots of an old oak tree had begun to crack and lift the crumbling stone steps which led to the entrance. Peering cautiously into the eerie interior, Alfie could see a room covered with cobwebs and the melted remains of over a hundred candles. As he pushed open the heavy door, he felt a rush of fear all over his body, making every hair stand to attention. The house was ice cold.


