English Creative Writing Task – Asleep

Task 1 – Write a narrative story about waking up to a noise in the house



You should focus on the following:

- Varying sentence openers
- Varying sentence lengths for effect
- Ambitious vocabulary
- Connectives
- Range of punctuation

Eerie Unnerving Disconcerting Sinister	Startled Panicked Anxious alarmed	Pounding Hammering Pulsating pummelling
Quiet inaudible noiseless muted	Reassure Soothe Comfort pacify	Lunged Lurched Sprung leapt

Task 2 – Write a narrative story about waking up to a noise in the house



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Nervously I held my breath ...

Tensely I strained to listen ...

As my heart pounded in my chest I ...

Paralysed with fear ...

Sweating profusely, I

Task 3 – Write a narrative story about waking up to a noise in the house



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Outline:

Wake up - realise a noise has woken you.

Listen carefully – try to determine what it is, where it is coming from.

Dismiss it and try to go back to sleep – minimise it – probably just the pipes.

Hear it again, louder, closer.

Describe your body's reaction. What do you do? What happens?