

**Horror movie clichés**

<p><b>Before you begin:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think of your protagonist (male/female, age, alone or with friends etc.)</li> <li>• Think of your villain (zombie, psycho, ghost etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>1. Setting the scene</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Everybody is impossibly calm, beautiful and happy.</li> <li>b. It's based on a true story.</li> <li>c. There's a thick fog.</li> <li>d. There's a creepy kid.</li> </ol>	<p><b>2. People ignore things</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. People don't notice weird things about their friend even though his eyes have turned yellow.</li> <li>b. People hear a noise but they say that it was just the wind.</li> <li>c. Nobody imagines that something bad is going to happen even though it's so obvious!</li> <li>d. There's a noise in the trees. Oh wait, it's just a cute cat.</li> </ol>
<p><b>3. Things start to go wrong</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A person decides to go for a walk alone in an eerie forest.</li> <li>b. Something or somebody appears in the bathroom mirror.</li> <li>c. There are a million reasons for the protagonist not to open the door ... but they open the door!</li> <li>d. The protagonist answers the phone, only to hear ... nothing.</li> </ol>	<p><b>4. The action begins</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The villain grabs somebody's ankle.</li> <li>b. The protagonist trips and falls while running away from the villain.</li> <li>c. The protagonist is running very fast but still can't escape the villain who seems to be walking slowly but constantly.</li> <li>d. Some high-pitched violin music starts to play.</li> </ol>	<p><b>5. ...but there's a problem</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The car won't start.</li> <li>b. There's no phone reception.</li> <li>c. The protagonist needs to get out but the door won't open.</li> <li>d. The protagonist desperately looks for their keys but ... where are the keys?</li> </ol>
<p><b>6. There's a battle</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Just when you think the monster is dead - he comes back!</li> <li>b. They shoot the monster fifty times but he still won't die!</li> <li>c. The protagonist climbs up a tree or a building to escape but the villain follows them.</li> <li>d. After all this time, the police finally arrive!</li> </ol>	<p><b>7. The movie comes to an end</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Everybody returns to being impossibly calm, beautiful and happy.</li> <li>b. The villain has a sad backstory.</li> <li>c. There's a twist in the tale.</li> <li>d. Something lets us know that there's going to be a Part 2.</li> </ol>	<p><b>8. Now write short synopsis of the story</b></p> <p>Your synopsis should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefly describe your protagonist and villain</li> <li>• Include the seven clichés, elaborating on them slightly and linking them together.</li> </ul>