

Task 3: Use of language and grammar for impact



Re-read aloud the opening paragraph:

Zoe ran. Harder than she had ever run in her life. Her feet pounded through the deserted streets of derelict buildings. Somewhere, not far behind, she could hear the gang coming after her. It felt as if her heart would burst, but she didn't slow down. She'd been planning to leave the island for a long time, but had been putting it off. It was a big decision to set out to sea in a tiny rowing boat. Now she had no choice.

Now think about and try to answer the following questions

- 1) How has the author created the sense of drama and intrigue?
- 2) What is the impact of the variation in sentence length?
- 3) Does it remind you of anything you have read or watched before?
- 4) What do you predict will happen next?