Character and setting

The writing tips at the entry for horror in your Oxford English Thesaurus for Schools can help you to choose from a range of synonyms to create a fantastically frightening, scary, and spooky story.

1. Fill in the gaps to find some spooky settings and creepy characters.

2. Here are some more useful words and phrases for writing scary stories. Divide them into two groups; nouns (used to refer to people, places, and events) and adjectives (used to describe people, places, and events).

   hallowe’en eerie unearthly nightmare afterlife accursed shroud uncanny macabre coffin ghoulish apparition