

Scary Character Description

Read this extract from *'The Curse of Cogston House'* and use it to complete the table.

Descending the stairs one careful, agonising, creaking step at a time, a hunched silhouette shuffled out from the darkness. A small, extremely old man was moving slowly but purposefully towards Alice. His head was bowed, showing a white bald circle surrounded by wisps of light grey hair.

"Help!" Alice tried to scream again, but nothing but strangled silence could be heard. With no voice but the one inside her own head, she begged the stranger to notice her and set her free...

A mottled, wrinkled hand reached forward, holding a key.

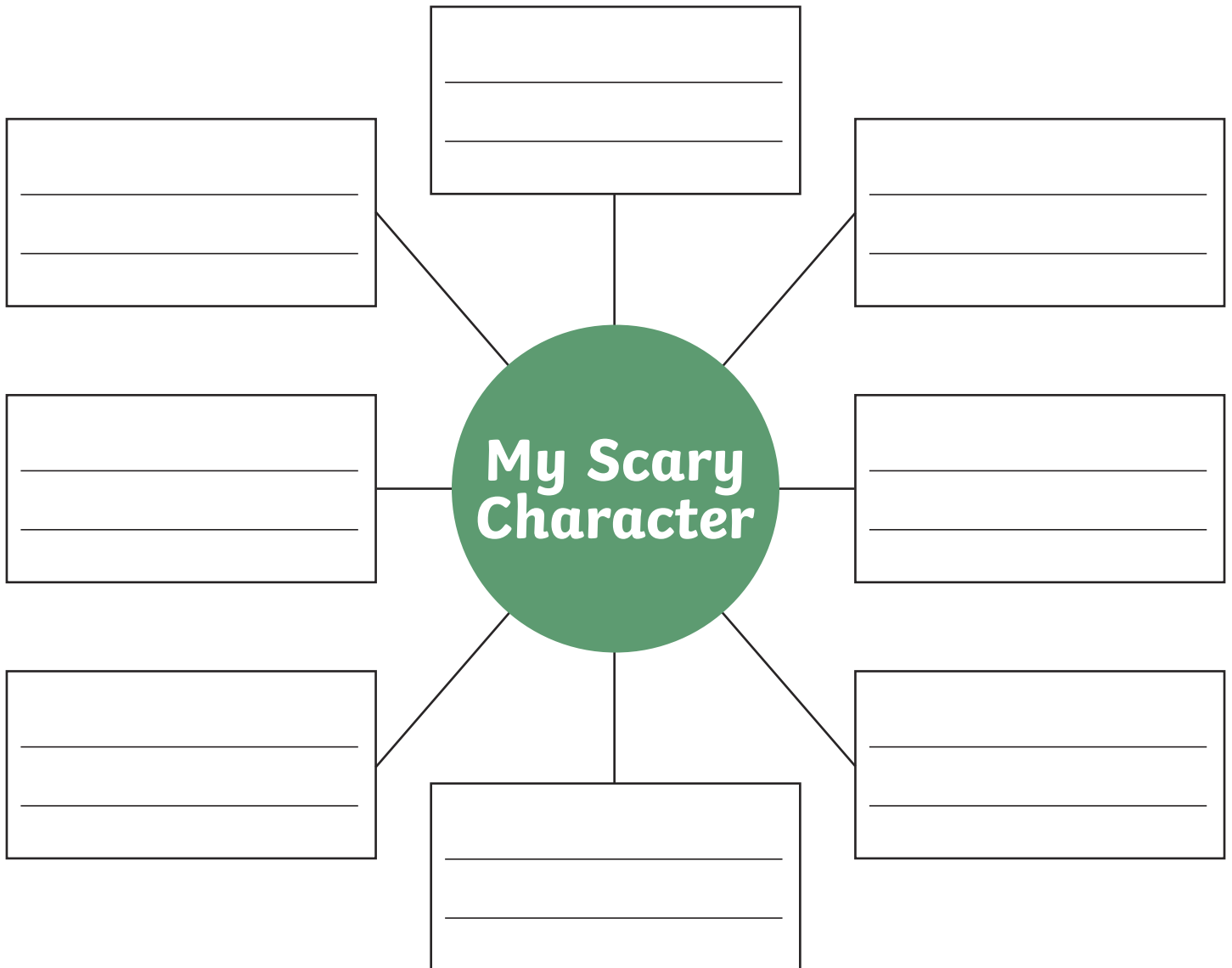


How is the scary character's appearance described?	How are the scary character's actions described?
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When describing a scary character, leave plenty to the reader's imagination. Give your reader hints about a character's physical appearance and carefully consider how to describe their actions. Remember to think about all of the senses when describing the character.

Plan a short description of a scary character. Think about their physical appearance and consider how they will move and act.

Some ideas have been included to help you.



a hunched, silhouetted figure hovering	narrow, unblinking eyes	staring silently
a stuffy, musty smell	silently emerging from the darkness	stood motionless
powerful, decaying stench	ghostly, sunken features	a lurching hooded figure
deep, croaking voice	crept menacingly	pale, gnarled hands

