Longer Fiction or Drama III

AP English Literature and Composition · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
minor character	The maid is a **minor character** with few lines.
resolution /ˌrezəˈluːʃn/	The **resolution** ends the main conflict.
crisis	The family faces a **crisis** when the father loses his job.
accumulate	Small lies **accumulate** until the truth comes out.
anticipation /ænˈtɪsɪpeɪʃn/	The music builds **anticipation** before the hero arrives.
suspense	**Suspense** makes the reader want to know what happens next.
denouement /deɪˈnuːmɒ/	The **denouement** ties up the loose ends after the climax.
unseen character	The father is an **unseen character**: he is talked about but never appears.
unresolved ending	The **unresolved ending** leaves the reader guessing.
offstage	The murder happens **offstage**, so the audience only hears about it.
soliloquy	In a **soliloquy**, a character speaks their thoughts alone on stage.
sophistication	**Sophistication** means writing with depth and awareness of complexity.

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