

Power of Three

Look at the sentence below. What does it tell you? Does it interest you?

At the foot of the cliff, stood the old lighthouse.

Look at the next sentence. What has changed? Does it still tell you the same thing? Do you think it sounds more or less interesting?

At the foot of the cliff, on the edge of the village, stood the old lighthouse.

Now, look at the final sentence. What has been added? What information does it give you? How does it make you feel? Can you picture a more precise image of the setting in your mind? Does the sentence provide a better sense of atmosphere?

At the foot of the cliff, on the edge of the village, overlooking the horizon, stood the old lighthouse.

This is called the Power of Three- you can link words or phrases together at the beginning of a sentence to improve atmosphere or give extra description.

Can you have a go at writing your own to describe the opening scene of the clip?