



Types of Dramatic Tension

Tension is a sense of anticipation or conflict that drives the drama and engages the audience.

Tension of the task	Tension that comes from what a character is trying to do
Tension of relationships	Tension between two characters
Tension of surprise	Tension caused by things unfolding differently than expected
Tension of mystery	Tension of not knowing what is going on.

Identify a play, television show, or movie that uses each type of tension.

Tension of the task	
Tension of relationships	
Tension of surprise	
Tension of mystery	

Why is tension important to drama?
