

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Cliffhanger**



# Cliffhangers on Television

A cliffhanger is a storytelling technique that means leaving characters in a difficult and unresolved situation at the end of a story, chapter, or episode. Cliffhangers are a way to create suspense in a story by making readers wonder what is going to happen next. The cliffhanger can be an effective way to keep readers or watchers interested in a story that is made available as a serial or series so that they will read or watch the next installment or episode to find out what happens. For this reason, cliffhangers are very common in television programs.

1. Why do you think the cliffhanger is an effective device for television?

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2. While you are watching television, see if you can identify some examples of cliffhangers.

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you see the cliffhanger? \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is this effective? \_\_\_\_\_

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