

suspense

[səˈspens] *n*

1. 1) **беспокойство, тревога ожидания**
 to keep smb. in suspense - держать кого-л. в напряжённом ожидании
 we waited with great suspense for the doctor's opinion - с глубоким беспокойством мы ждали заключения врача
 I can't bear this suspense any longer - я больше не могу выносить эту неопределённость /это томительное ожидание/
- 2) **напряжённый интерес, взволнованность (читателя)**
 a novel of suspense - приключенческий роман; роман, который держит читателя в напряжении
 suspense fiction - приключенческая литература
 suspense story [novel, film] - приключенческий рассказ [роман, фильм]
2. **нерешённость, неопределённость**
 our plans were still in suspense - у нас ещё не было точных планов
3. *юр.* **временное прекращение, приостановление**
4. *стил.* **ретардация**

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sus·pense *BrE* [səˈspens] ^ˈ *NAmE* [səˈspens] ^ˈ **noun uncountable**

a feeling of worry or excitement that you have when you feel that sth is going to happen, sb is going to tell you some news, etc

- a tale of mystery and suspense
- Don't **keep us in suspense**. Tell us what happened!
- I couldn't bear the suspense a moment longer.

Word Origin:

[**suspense**] late Middle English: from Old French **suspens** 'abeyance', based on Latin **suspensus** 'suspended, hovering, doubtful', past participle of **suspendere**, from **sub-** 'from below' + **pendere** 'hang'.

Example Bank:

- Don't look at the end of the book yet— you'll break the suspense.
- I don't get the results till next week, and the suspense is killing me.
- I suffered agonies of suspense in silence.
- She couldn't bear the suspense a moment longer.
- They were kept in suspense about joining the expedition for several weeks.
- They were kept in suspense about their possibility of joining the expedition for several weeks.

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[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** suspendre; ⇨ ↑**suspend**]

a feeling of excitement or anxiety when you do not know what will happen next ⇨ **tension**

in suspense

- ˈ They **kept us in suspense** for over two hours.
- ˈ Come on then, tell me what happened; **the suspense is killing me** (=I feel very excited or anxious because I do not know what will happen next).
- ˈ She couldn't **bear the suspense** a moment longer.

suspense novel/story/movie etc (=one which is exciting because you do not know what will happen next)

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