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furtively	rapidly	suspiciously
covertly	speedily	hastily
quickly	dilemma	eagerly
doubtful	expectancy	dread
anticipation	confusion	fear
concern	hesitation	cliff-hanger
foreboding	cloak and dagger	disturbance

'Suspense' sentences starters:

Shocked residents couldn't believe their eyes when
 In this sleepy village it was the last thing you thought would happen
 Jumping out of her/his skin she/he
 Making the snap decision to
 Imagine this scene
 An angry, local shop owner said,
 The world wasn't ready for
 Time, I need more time
 No one seems to know the real story about
 How can we continue with
 It could have all be so different
 What does the future hold for
 Without warning
 In the final moments before
 Without a second's hesitation

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 'suspense' vocabulary
 and sentence starters
 in your storyboard or
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