



Week 7

Primary

The Write Tribe

VOCABULARY BUILDER

9/9



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

thick and thin	waltzed
thick as thieves	night and day
fateful	plodding
proverb	jubilation
hesitantly	

INTRODUCTION

Lend your money. Lose your friend. I never believed in that 1. _____ until one
2. _____ day. My best friend Steven and I had been friends since kindergarten.
We were 3. _____ and inseparable. We have gone through
4. _____ together. However, on March 9, 2018, everything changed forever.



OOH! FORESHADOW

CONFLICT

I still remember like it happened yesterday. It was a balmy afternoon. Magnolia clouds
5. _____ in the azure blue sky. I had just received a wonderful new toy
as a birthday gift. It was a brand new gameboy. I had worked 6. _____ for
this reward. Steven and I were 7. _____ our way home when I decided to
share the good news. "Wow! That's awesome!" Steven literally roared in
8. _____. He wanted one too for a long time.
"We can play together." I offered. "Really! Can you do me a favor?" he
9. _____ asked.



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"Sure!"

"Can you please lend me the gameboy for this evening. I want to show off to my neighbors?" Steven begged.

evasive	smithereens
gut feeling	insisted
requested.	confronted
dilemma	out of character.
qualms	

I had severe 10. _____ about it. It was a brand new gameboy. Even I hadn't played with it yet. However, Steven is my best friend. I was in a 11. _____

"Sure, please take good care of it!" I 12. _____.

Steven nodded and in a flash, he plucked it off my hands.

Deep down, I felt uneasy about my decision.

The next day, Steven didn't come to school. I called him countless times on the phone.

There was no answer. I had a 13. _____, something was wrong.

Two more days passed and finally Steven came to school. However, he was

14. _____ and avoided me. Steven was behaving completely

15. _____. Finally, I cornered and 16. _____ him.

"Where's my gameboy?"



**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH MOMENT COMES
BEFORE A CLIMAX. YOUR CHARACTER
IS PUSHED TO A FIGHT!**



CLIMAX

He fished in his pocket and whipped it out. What I saw smashed my heart into

17. _____. I couldn't believe my eyes. Was I seeing things correctly?



ANTICIPATION: clickbait- DON'T REVEAL JUST YET!

There was a large crack on the screen.

"You broke it!" Big fat tears ran down my cheeks.

"You better replace it!" I continued

"No. It was like this when I got it." Steven 18. _____.

"It was brand new!" I argued.

creased	take a hike
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"Don't accuse me unnecessarily. You better bring it back to the shop. This isn't my fault!"

With that Steven walked away, leaving me 19. _____ with sorrow.

What made me angry wasn't the gameboy but Steven's irresponsibility to own up to his mistake.

CONCLUSION

Fortunately, my father bought me a new game boy.

Predictably, Steven came around.

"Ooh! Can I play?" he asked shamelessly.

"Ooh! I got a better game for you. Why don't you go 20. _____ instead?"

With that, I not only walked out of the classroom, but his life too.

As the saying goes, lend your money, lose a friend. After that day, I learnt to make the right kind of friends.



IDIOMS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

word/phrase	meaning
like two peas in a pod	
to be as thick as thieves	
to bury the hatchet	
to clear the air	
a shoulder to cry on	
strike up a friendship	

to become friends	to defuse the tension	to be very close
someone to listen to your problems	to end a conflict	very similar



Form sentences using the idioms below. Do not copy the examples. Copying the examples will result in the reduction of 1 WRITE BUCK!

1. A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Something that appears bad at first but ends up having good results

*Missing that plane turned out to be **a blessing in disguise** because I got to spend more time with my family.*

2. A SANDWICH SHORT OF A PICNIC

A humorous way of saying someone is stupid or is a bit mad

*He brought only shorts and t-shirts when he went to Sweden in the winter – I think he might be **a sandwich short of a picnic**!*

3. A STONE'S THROW

Something is very close or near

*Luckily the wedding is just **a stone's throw** from our hotel so we can walk there.*



4. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

What you do is more important than what you say; someone's words may not be trustworthy

Person A: *"John keeps saying he wants to take me out for dinner, but then he never does!"*

Person B: *"Actions speak louder than words."*

5. ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE

When someone does something to make a bad situation worse

When Sarah started laughing during the argument, it really **added fuel to the fire!**



6. ADD INSULT TO INJURY

To make a bad situation worse

*As if breaking my arm isn't bad enough, **to add insult to injury** I have to pay £1,000 in hospital fees as I didn't have travel insurance!*

7. ALL EARS

To be eagerly waiting to hear about something

Person A: "I have to tell you about what happened on our trip to Spain..."

*Person B: "I'm **all ears**!"*

8. AT A CROSSROADS

To be at a point in your life when you need to make an important decision

*I was **at a crossroads** when I was offered a job in the US, but my boyfriend wanted to stay in London.*

