



Week 3

Primary 5/6

The Write Tribe

A MEMORABLE PERSON PART 1



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Topic: A memorable person

Write a composition of least 150 words using one or more of the pictures below.



Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- Who was this memorable person?
- How did they impact you?
- Narrow down the impact to a single incident
- What happened?
- What was the lesson learnt?

Saying : It is better to try and fail than never try at all!

Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

sharpest tool in the shed		
despised	simpleton	anticipating
glistened	stimulating	out of the blue
blow their tops	indelible	day to day

INTRODUCTION

We meet plenty of people in our 1. _____ lives. Many hardly leave an impression on us. However, a handful leave an 2. _____ mark in our psyches, 3. _____ our spirits to reach higher horizons. Like a comet, bolting 4. _____ they come into our lives, changing us forever for the good. I keep a very special pen in my pencil case. It may look ordinary to you. It is, after all, a simple ball-point pen. However, for me, it is special. It was given to me by my English teacher, Mrs. Grace, one friday morning. A friday morning that will change my life forever.

CONFLICT

The day is still fresh in my memories. The dew 5. _____ on the freshly cut grass as I headed to school. It was sports day and I was 6. _____ it with excitement. I am not the 7. _____, I barely pass my examinations. For a 8. _____ like me, sports day is the day I can shine. I worked day and night for the running race. My teachers particularly 9. _____ me. Who can blame them? I was known to be disruptive, often making my teachers 10. _____. Mrs. Grace was no exception. I was certain, she disliked me as well. Little did I know, my impression on her would change forever.



pomp		
plethora	hyped	cue
took to my heels	disconcerted	nostalgic
dwindle	agonizing	prize

The sports day commenced with much 11. _____ and fanfare. Students dressed in flaming colours packed the stadium amongst a 12. _____ of colourful displays of banners and decorations. I was feeling 13. _____ and ready for the race.

CLIMAX

As the 14. _____ to start running announced itself with an air pistol, I took to action, running as fast as the wind. My eyes were on the 15. _____, quite literally too! I wanted to win first place so I can qualify for the National race. I was close to the finishing line, when I felt an 16. _____ pain, shooting up my leg. Oh no! Not a cramp. Before I knew it, my face met the floor. I saw my chances of winning the race 17. _____ to non-existence. However, I did not give up. I told myself, "It ain't over until the fat lady sings!" I got up and 18. _____. Unfortunately, I didn't make it to first place. In fact, I was last. I could sense my classmates snickering at me. All my hard work went down the drain. I stood there at the prize giving ceremony with dismay etched across my face. The teacher who was giving away prizes was Mrs. Grace. "I bet she's happy!" I muttered. However, nothing could prepare me for the next moment. "Andrei! Please come to the stage!" I heard her call my name. I felt 19. _____, thinking she was calling me up to publicly embarrass me. With shaky legs, I went up to stage. "Everyone wants to crown the winners. But, I'd like to crown a special person for effort. Andrei did not give up despite knowing he



barely had a chance. I don't have a trophy but i'd like to offer him a special pen for special effort!" she boomed on the microphone for all to hear. It was a heart-warming moment.

CONCLUSION

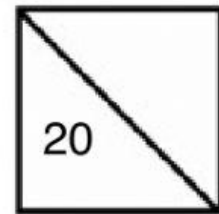
That is the reason why I still hold on to the pen to remind me of this very special person.

Call me 20. _____, but today I am a successful person thanks to Mrs. Grace.

Thanks to her inspiration, I not only went to to pass my examinations with flying colours, I

also became a successful sportsman in my community. I learnt that it is better to try and

fail than never try at all!



USEFUL IDIOMS

word/phrase	meaning
pass with flying colours	
took to the heels	
it ain't over until the fat lady sings	
not the sharpest tool in the shed	
the early bird gets the worm	
blow one's top	

run fast	lose temper	unintelligent
do extremely well in an examination	it isn't the end yet	the first people who arrive gets the best stuff



Introduction

- **Start off with quote or a musing of the topic at hand**
- **Slowly transition to a past memory**
- **describe the day. Who are you with? What was the day like?**
- **Include a foreshadow**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks
The dew glistened on the freshly cut grass
The morning promised a victorious day
It was a bright and cheery morning.
The sky was an azure blue.
Magnolia clouds pranced about in the sapphire blue canvas above.
Foreshadow
Little did I know, my impression on him/her would change forever
I had no idea my perceptions would be turned upside down
However, today was the day my perception on _____ would be challenged



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Conflict

- **Ease into the situation.**
- **Slowly introduce the problem. Why was this a problem?**
- **Show your emotions and personal thoughts**
- **THE FINAL PUSH - Enough is enough moment. What made the character decide?**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks
EASE INTO THE SCENE I still remember the day like it happened yesterday My memories are still fresh. The day started The sports day open with pomp and celebration Flamboyant posters adorned every wall The cheering of the crowd raised exuberance within me
Anticipation Little did I know, my plans of winning will go downhill Nothing could prepare me for what fate had in store If only I knew, what fate was brewing up

