



Primary 5/6
Week 17
The Write Tribe

FIGURES OF SPEECH:
COLOURS
PART 2



Fill in the blanks

midas touch	yellow-bellied	red handed
white lie	blue blood	green-eyed monster

1. Even though the bread tasted downright awful and it almost made me gag,
I didn't want to break Vera's feelings. I decided to say a _____
that it was the best tasting bread in the world
2. Regina has the classic case of the _____. She feels
incredibly envious that Candice got a doll from the teacher. Unable to
contain her envy, Regina broke Candice's doll into two!
3. We were surprised to learn Robert has _____. We had no
idea his great grandfather was the King of Bolivia!
4. There was nowhere to run! The alarm bells were ringing and the guards
were running towards him. Oliver regretted stealing and now he has been
caught _____.



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5. My _____ brother is afraid of everything, including his own shadow!

6. Norman has the _____. He is successful at whatever he does.
He gets full marks for all his tests. It's like he has a lucky charm or something.



Match the origin stories to the figures of speech.

The phrase probably referred to people caught with blood on their hands from murder or poaching. The evidence is on their hands. It originated from Scotland in the 15th century

Some believed jealousy occurred as result of the overproduction of bile, which turned human skin slightly green.

The poor worked on the fields and they were sun-tanned. The bourgeois never worked on fields. They were rich and lived in palaces. Their skin were so white that their veins appeared blue that many thought the rich must have blood that's blue.

blue blood

red handed

green -eyed monster

Midas touch

yellow-bellied

white lie

Throughout history white has been associated with innocence and angels. If a lie becomes white, even if it is a bad thing, it is done for something good. In this case to protect someone's feelings.

People are called chicken if they are cowards. Yellow being associated with cowardice may have been inspired by chicken egg yolks being yellow and chicken meaning coward.

King Midas loves gold! One day, he was given the boon to turn everything he touched into gold! He was very happy and turned everything into gold! Sadly, he accidentally turned his own daughter into a golden statue.



Form sentences

Red handed

Farrah was caught red handed by the shopkeeper

Reason:

just as she tried to sneak away with the stolen candy.

Put them together:

Farrah was caught red handed by the shopkeeper just as she tried to sneak away with the stolen candy.

Green - eyed monster

Linda was a green - eyed monster!

Reason:

She is envious of everyone.

Put them together:

Linda was a green - eyed monster!
She is envious of everyone.

1. white lie

2. green - eyed monster



3. red handed

4. yellow-bellied

5. blue blood

6. Midas touch



BONUS ROUND:

Match them!

To see red

yellow bellied

midas touch

white lie

feel blue

to feel sad

to be angry

a coward

to be
successful in
everything you
do

harmless lie to
avoid hurting
someone's
feelings



Mom baked some cupcakes. She asked me to have a taste. When I put a piece in my mouth, I almost gagged. It tasted awful. However, I didn't want her to _____ , so I decided to say a  _____ . "Mom! It's the best!" I chirped, even though I knew lying is wrong! I guess I was scared and too  _____ to tell the truth. Maybe, she would  _____ if I told her that her cupcakes were hard as stone!

My grandmother is excellent at gardening. She has the  _____ . Whatever she plants, thrives! I guess we can say she has the  _____ . My grandmother used to be sick. Thankfully, she is now  _____ of health! I also heard my grandmother isn't like her siblings. Her siblings dislike gardening. She is the  _____ of her family!