



Primary 5/6

Week 19

The Write Tribe

FIGURES OF SPEECH BODY

PART 1



word/phrase	meaning
Thick-skinned	
Twiddling my thumbs	
A sweet tooth	
In the blink of an eye	
Scatterbrain	

doing nothing	a liking for sweet food	very quickly
a careless person who forgets things easily		not easily upset by criticism



Fill in the blanks

scatterbrain	twiddling her thumbs	sweet tooth
in the blink of an eye		thick-skinned

1. To say Alfie is _____ would be an understatement. The boy remains unfazed by the negative comments hurled by his classmates. It's as if he wears an invisible armour made of solid steel.
2. For the umpteenth time, Caleb had forgotten his wallet in the train. He is such a _____!
3. Having nothing to do, Jane sat there _____ except for the occasional nods during the project meeting to show that she was really interested in the discussion.
4. "If you don't fix your _____, you will have more gaps than teeth!" My mother warned my brother who was raiding the refrigerator in the middle of the night. Adorning a chocolate moustache, he sarcastically nodded in agreement. He can be very thick-skinned at times!
5. _____, the toddler went missing. Panic-stricken, the mother's eyes darted left and right, hoping to catch a glimpse of her child.



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3. a sweet tooth



4. in the blink of an eye

5. scatterbrain



word/phrase	meaning
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play it by ear	
has her heart set on	
almost jumped out of his skin	
to have eyes in the back of your head	

was very shocked or frightened	know everything that's going on around you	wants to get or achieve something very much
to annoy someone	do something without planning ahead	

Fill in the blanks

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1. Miss. Honey is a force to be reckoned with. Despite her tiny stature, she is a fire breathing dragon, extremely aware of all the shenanigans her students can be up to. She has _____.
2. Despite the financial struggles the family was facing, Alvin could not refuse his daughter the bicycle he had promised. She _____ the new bicycle and she would be crushed!
3. The moment I realized I had forgotten the piece of paper with the lyrics, I had no choice but to _____. Heart palpitating wildly, I hoped for the best and opened my mouth.
4. "You are driving me up the wall!" the frustrated teacher screamed as the noise started to _____.
5. Vernice _____ when I opened the door without knocking. Eyes frozen in fear, she clutched her chest and gasped, "My goodness! I thought I was going to have a heart attack!"



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