



**FREE WEBINAR CLASS**

**The Write Tribe**

## **FIGURES OF SPEECH**

- 1. Open the link to the video**
- 2. Print a copy and do along with the teacher.**



**MATCH WITH THE CORRECT MEANINGS**

To see red

White elephant

To feel blue

in the pink

Black sheep

green thumb

to become angry

someone who is not liked  
for being different from  
others

to feel sad

To be very healthy

something that cost you a  
lot of money but is  
useless

to be good at growing  
plants



### **Fill in the blanks**

to see red	black sheep	feeling blue
in the pink	white elephant	green thumbs

1. My grandmother has a beautiful garden filled with roses, carnations and orchids.

She is a stellar gardener and has \_\_\_\_\_.

2. After Cecilia broke my favourite vase, her mother started \_\_\_\_\_.

She beckoned Cecilia over in an angry voice.

3. After being sick for many days, Johanath was told by the doctor that he was

\_\_\_\_\_ of health!

4. Veronica was \_\_\_\_\_ as her favourite toy couldn't be mended.

5. Gaston was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the classroom. Everyone loved P.E

lessons except him. He prefers art.

6. Vera regretted buying the expensive piano. It has become a

\_\_\_\_\_ as she does not know how to play the piano.



**Match the origin stories to the figures of speech.**

**Since blood is red, the colour red had been associated with violence. Violence usually starts from anger. That's how red became associated with anger.**

**White wool can be dyed into a plethora of colours. It was considered useful and farmers can make money. Sometimes a black sheep is born. The black wool is useless since it cannot be dyed. The farmers are disappointed with the birth of black sheep**

**There was a tradition of flying blue flags when a captain or an officer died on a ship. It was a way to express sadness.**

feel blue

see red

black sheep

green thumb

in the pink

white elephant

**In ancient Siam, finding a white elephant was rare. It was so highly prized that it was not allowed to work. Taking care of it was expensive. The kings ended up gifting it to folks they didn't like knowing it would ruin them financially.**

**in 1500s, pink wasn't even a colour. It referred to the dianthus flower. Since it was considered the pinnacle of flower design, the term, "in the pink," became known to be in one's most excellent form.**

**Algae growing outside earthenware pots can stain a person's fingers green if he or she handles enough pots. Hence, a person working with flower pots can get green fingers.**



## Form sentences

### White elephant

The luxurious car is a white elephant to Johnny

#### Reason:

because he can't drive

#### Put them together:

The luxurious car is a white elephant because he can't drive

### Feel blue

Heather began to feel blue

#### Reason:

ever since she saw her poor math results

#### Put them together:

Heather began to feel blue ever since she saw her poor math results

1. feel blue

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2. see red

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3. black sheep

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4. green thumb

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5. in the pink

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6. white elephant

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**BONUS ROUND:**

**Match them!**

To see red

to be good at  
gardening

in the pink

to feel sad

black sheep

something that  
requires a lot of  
maintenance -  
'taking care of'

white  
elephant

to feel angry

feel blue

the odd one out  
in a group

green thumb

To be in the top  
condition of  
health

