



**Primary 3/4**

**Week 26**

**The Write Tribe**

**AN ACT OF ENVY**

**PART 1**

## Topic: An act of envy

Write a composition of least 120 words using one or more of the pictures below.



Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the object of envy?
- Who were you with?
- Why did it make you envious?
- What action did you take?
- What was the lesson learnt?

### **FACIAL EXPRESSIONS**

For this assignment's composition, you will be graded on your usage of FACIAL EXPRESSIONS.

## Story breakdown - 20 minutes

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

### INTRODUCTION

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knitted	pallid	cave	puffy
lead	scratching	frown	burned

It was a typical Monday morning. The sun blazed away while my teacher droned away. I 1. \_\_\_\_\_ opening my mouth wide as a 2. \_\_\_\_\_. My eyes were 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and my eyelids felt heavy as 4. \_\_\_\_\_. I struggled to keep them open. Miss. Rudy had the talent to lull anyone to sleep. She's that boring. "Okay class, I would be leaving for a while. Please behave!" With that announcement, my teacher Miss Rudy waltzed out of the classroom. I was expecting today to be just like any other day. Little did I know, how ugly the day would turn out.



FORESHADOW

### CONFLICT

It all commenced with an innocent tap on my shoulder. "Guess what I got?" Jia Hui, my best friend whispered. She proceeded to whip out something shiny. It was a brand new iPhone. It gleamed under the blaring fluorescent lights of our classroom, attracting everyone's attention. "It's cost an arm and leg, guys! Luckily, my dad's rich" Jia Hui bragged. Jia Hui, was the perfect little girl. She was rich. She was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Immediately, everyone flocked to her like bees

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to honey. As her ardent fans circled around her, something brimmed inside of me. It was resentment. Mei, my classmate, green with envy, sneered. "What a show-off. Don't you just hate that she's proud as a peacock. She gets everything served on a silver platter! I couldn't agree more. Jia Hui does get everything served in a silver platter. Even though, she was my best friend, even I could not help but feel green with envy.



#### PROBLEM

I didn't make my pangs of envy obvious. "Jia Hui is a nice girl." I defended her. "Really? She's using you as a stooge to show off." Mei replied. I 5. \_\_\_\_\_ my eyebrows together, forming 6. \_\_\_\_\_ lines. My eyes 6. \_\_\_\_\_ upwards as I thought deeply. Mei was right. The only time Jia Hui ever wanted to be around me was when she had something new to brag about. "We've got to teach her a lesson!" Mei glowered. Absent mindedly, I nodded.



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH MOMENT COMES BEFORE A CLIMAX. YOUR CHARACTER IS PUSHED TO MAKE A DECISION.

#### CLIMAX

The recess bell rang and everyone made a beeline to the canteen. Only Mei and I were left in the classroom. Jia Hui carelessly left her brand new iPhone on her table. A sly smile spread across Mei's face. "I've got the perfect thing!" she snarled, baring her yellow teeth. She took out a bag. I regret peering into it. What I saw inside, turned my face a 7. \_\_\_\_\_ green.



#### ANTICIPATION





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The bag was crawling with mealworms. There was an awful stench wafting from it. I

8. \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes and scrunched up my 9. \_\_\_\_\_. Mei, dropped the awful contents from the bag into Jia Hui's backpack. I grabbed the phone in my hands and threw it to the ground. It smashed into smithereens. "What else should we do?" Mei thought aloud, 10. \_\_\_\_\_ her chin. Mei, then grabbed a few mealworms and spread it across the metallic corpse. She watched her handiwork with a slasher smile of sadistic glee on her face. Satisfied, we left for recess.

When Jia Hui came back, she was deeply saddened. Her lips quivering wildly, she asked me, "Who would do something so cruel?" I felt guilty. Her words pricked my conscience. "Whoever who broke Jia Hui's phone better own up now! Or I will

check the CCTV camera" Miss Rudy warned.



**PROBLEM INTENSIFIES**

I fidgeted nervously in my chair. I couldn't keep still. Seeing me twitching uncomfortably in my chair, Mei hissed at me, "Pull yourself together or we'll both land in hot soup!" It was too late. My teacher gestured both of us to step forward. Guilt overwhelmed me from head to toe. I regretted my actions. "We d-did it!" I

stammered.



**PROBLEM SOLVES**

rolled	eye-contact	embarrassment	pinched
knitted	pallid	cave	puffy
lead	scratching	frown	burned

My cheeks 11. \_\_\_\_\_ with shame. Jia Hui's face lit up in horror. I avoided 12. \_\_\_\_\_. I could see that I let her down as a friend. "To the Principal's office!" my teacher roared.

### **CONCLUSION**

Mei was angry at me for owning up but I knew I did the right thing. I was ready to face the music for my actions. We were scolded profusely by our Principal. I dropped my head in 13. \_\_\_\_\_. How could I have done something so cruel? Jia Hui was my friend after all. As for Jia Hui, she never forgave me. She may have bragged about her possessions. However, that did not give me the right to hurt her. I learnt an important lesson that day.



LESSON

Envy can ruin friendships.



PROVERB

## Introduction

- **Where are you? Who are you with?**
- **What kind of day was it?**
- **Introduce yourself and other characters**
- **Include a foreshadow**

FACIAL EXPRESSIONS
DISGUST
1. Pinched his eyes 2. Scrunched up his nose 3. His face turned a pallid green
EMBARRASSMENT
1. dropped her head in embarrassment 2. Cheeks burned with shame 3. avoided eye contact
THINKING
1. knitted his eyebrows together, forming frown lines 2. eyes rolled upwards as he thought deeply 3. scratching his chin
TIRED
1. yawned, opening her mouth wide as a cave 2. eyelids felt heavy as lead, she struggled to keep them open 3. eyes were puffy

Foreshadow
1. Nothing could prepare me for what fate had in store 2. Little did I know, I was so wrong 3. Little did I know what the future had in store for me. 4. Little did I know, my goal to _____ will be challenged by a series of unfortunate events! 5. Little did I know, fate was planning to burst my bubble in so many dreadful ways.

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