



Week 4

Primary 3/4

The Write Tribe

AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACT
PART 2



Topic: An irresponsible act

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 have your parents or teachers said was irresponsible behavior?
- Who was irresponsible?
- What was their responsibility?
- What was your thoughts and feelings?
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

exclaimed	balmy	burst into uproarious laughter
rose	littered	ton of fun
hot soup	goofy grin	the gauntlet being thrown
fashioned	ricocheting	whirling
wobbled	into smithereens	hoots of laughter

The sky was a sapphire blue and the weather was 1) _____. I was playing fetch with my pet dog, Spot. I threw a ball 2) _____ out of an old newspaper. Spot ran across the field promptly to fetch it. Spot is not like other dogs. He has a little limp on his hind leg. As I watched Spot have a 3) _____ with a silly little paper ball, memories came gushing into my mind. I met Spot three years ago in this park, under very unusual circumstances.

It was the month of February. I was jogging in the park when I heard 4) _____ followed by piteous cries of a puppy. Curious, I followed the sound. What I saw next, smashed my heart 5) _____. A group of teenage boys were poking a puppy with a stick. Anger 6) _____ from within me upon seeing the cruel act. "Stop it!" I 7) _____. Upon hearing my protest, the group of boys 8) _____.

"Who are you to say that?" one of them exclaimed. The boy was hideous, covered with pimples. He had a head full of grease and eyes that clearly housed the devil. He must be



the gang's leader. "This is my dog! I can do whatever I want with it!" he sneered. The dog was shaking uncontrollably and its legs 9) _____.

"That's even worse. You're an irresponsible owner. I am calling SPCA right now!" I retorted. As I whipped out my phone from my pocket, the boy immediately snatched it and challenged me to a fight. With 10) _____, I had no choice but to rise up to the challenge.

I was no match to any of the boys. They were twice my size. As they approached me with clenched fists, I knew I was in 11) _____.

One of them raised his hands and punched me in the jaw. My mind was 12) _____. I couldn't even stand straight. As they circled around me like hungry vultures, what happened next will forever be etched in my mind. The puppy let out a sharp snarl and started attacking them. The boys fled the scene.

Pain was still 13) _____ through my body. The puppy wobbled back to me and whimpered as if asking if I was okay. "You're injured and I'm injured. We both need a doctor!" I said with a 14) _____ plastered across my face.

Today as I sit at the park, 15) _____ with paper balls fashioned out of old newspapers, I can't help but thank the lucky stars for that terrible encounter. That puppy is now my wonderful dog. I named him Spot. Even though his previous owner may had been irresponsible, deep down I knew Spot was thanking his lucky stars too!



Introduction

- **Where are you? Who are you with?**
- **What kind of day was it?**
- **Introduce the person who needs help. Describe in detail.**
- **Why didn't others want to help him or her**
- **Include a foreshadow**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks
The sky was a sapphire blue the weather was balmy It was a typical Monday/Friday The humidity was at its peak Magnolia white clouds dotted the sky
Flashback memories came gushing into my mind. I still remember like it happened yesterday
foreshadow: Little did I know, _____ awaited me. We met under very unusual circumstances



Conflict

- **Ease into the situation.**
- **Slowly introduce the problem. What help does this character need?**
- **Should I or should I not? What are the consequences?**
- **THE FINAL PUSH - Enough is enough moment**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks

My mind whirled with indecision

I weighed the possible consequences

I admit I have all the hallmarks of a coward

My conscience pricked

Should I? Or should I not? My mind was in a battle

The dog

piteous cries of a puppy

The puppy was a bag of bones

Its frame was almost skeletal

Flesh hung from its bones like a loose bag

The dog looked piteous

anticipation

What I saw next made my heart weak

The scene before me smashed my heart into smithereens

I can never forget what happened next

What happened next will forever be etched in my memory



Climax

- **Reveal the act of kindness**
- **Slow down everything. Describe in detail.**
- **Show feelings. Personal thoughts. Who did you need to stand up against?**
- **End the paragraph at a suspenseful moment if you can.**
e.g **Just as I helped Biff, a shadow loomed behind me...**

<p>Action With clenched fists, the _____ approached me.</p> <p>Eyes narrowed into slits</p> <p>Faces red with anger.</p> <p>He punched me straight in the jaw.</p> <p>They circled me like hungry vultures</p>	<p>Reaction My mind was in a whirl</p> <p>My head couldn't stop spinning.</p> <p>Pain ricocheted through me</p> <p>My _____ was throbbing in pain.</p>	<p>Personal thought Will I make it out alive?</p> <p>This is a bad idea</p> <p>What am I going to do?</p>
<p>Feelings Fear clutched my heart My heart was in my throat I shivered in fear My heart was lodged in my throat</p>	<p>Anticipation What happened next will forever be etched in my mind</p> <p>You wouldn't believe what happened next.</p> <p>What I saw next, I can never forget</p>	



Conclusion

- **What was the solution**
- **Were you happy with the solution? Show feelings. Personal thoughts.**
- **What is the lesson learnt?**
- **End of with any saying or proverb**

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<p>From that day onwards,</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>gratitude was clearly the only emotion I could see</p> <p>Gratitude brimmed in its/his face</p> <p>I was grateful the ordeal was over</p> <p>The fruit of the terrible ordeal is this wonderful friendship I have with my dog</p>	<p>I learnt an important lesson that day</p>
<p>We became thick of friends</p> <p>That memory was forever etched in my mind.</p> <p>To this day, we are still best friends</p>	<p>Quotes / Sayings:</p> <p>A dog is a man's best friend</p> <p>Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness</p>	<p>My act was met with praise.</p> <p>I felt a sense of accomplishment</p> <p>I gave myself a tap on the shoulder</p>

