



Week 12
Primary 5/6

SECRET PART 1

17/8



Topic: Secret

Write a composition of least 150 words using one, two or all the pictures below.



'Idiom' FOR THE TOPIC: Spill the beans

- What was the secret?
- Who was involved?
- What happened?
- How was the problem solved?
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story analysis

spill the beans	exuberance
herculean task	stifled
tattletale	incessantly
squealed	umpteenth

Introduction

"Ooooh! What are you doing?" my sister Arshadha asked for the 1. _____ time.

I could sense the 2. _____ bubbling in her. Knowing Arshadha well, I was determined not to 3. _____. Arshadha can NEVER keep a secret. It's as if she has a hole in her mouth where secrets fall right through. Besides, I was given the 4. _____ by Mother to prepare a surprise birthday party for Dad.

Knowing Arshadha is a 5. _____, I knew deep down inside, I should never reveal my mission. As I proceeded to decorate the living room with streamers, balloons and lights, Arshadha followed me and asked questions 6. _____

My patience running thin, I finally gave in. "We're preparing a surprise party for Dad!" I blurted out.

"A SURPRISE PARTY!" she 7. _____ in delight, probably also letting everyone in our neighborhood know with that loud voice of hers. Promptly, I 8. _____ her annoying voice with my hands. "Can you keep a secret?"

Arshadha nodded like a bobblehead doll. I didn't need a premonition to tell me that this well end bad.



handiwork	blunder
to her own devices	bellowed
pandemonium	coursed through
lead	oblivious

Conflict

Two hours later, the house was ready. Mom, Arshadha and I stood there admiring our

9. _____ . However, we weren't prepared for one

10. _____ . One major blunder!

We had the balloons, streamers, lights, snacks, presents and even candles. Except...the cake!

"Arshadha! You were in charge!" I 11. _____ . "Oops, must have slipped my mind! Let me call someone to pick that up" she said.

Thinking, she was going to call our neighbor Sam, I left her 12. _____ .

However, what I heard next will unleashed 13. _____ in me.

Climax

"Dad! Can you please pick up a birthday cake?"

I heard Arshadha on the phone.

"For who?"

That was clearly Dad's voice.

Panic 14. _____ my veins. My legs turned to 15. _____ . I couldn't react fast enough.

"It's for you silly! We are planning a surprise birthday party for you!" Arshadha cooed, completely 16. _____ she had rained on our parade.



leaf
waltzes
arduous
exasperation

"ARSHADHAAAAAAA!" I screamed, shaking her like a 17. _____ for letting the cat out of the bag. Her phone dropped.

At that exact moment, Dad 18. _____ in.

"SURPRISE!" Arshadha squealed, still oblivious she had ruined our 19. _____ efforts. I slapped my forehead in 20. _____.

Conclusion

Even though the party was ruined, Dad was immensely grateful we made the efforts to plan. He enjoyed the party. We finally did buy a cake - together. As for Arshadha, she's still spilling beans and letting cats out of their bags. I guess some people never learn.



Phrases	Meaning
rain on one's parade	
umpteenth time	
herculean task	
tattletale	
let the cat out of the bag	
exuberance	
admiring one's handiwork	
pandemonium	
leaving someone to their own devices	
arduous	
exasperation	
blunder	

leave someone to his or her own wishes without being controlled	ruin one's special moment	indefinite large number or amount
strenuous	excitement	impossibly difficult task
stupid or careless mistake	admiring one's achievement	blabbermouth
frustration	chaos	let out a secret

