



Week 14
Primary 5/6

The Write Tribe

AN EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCE PART 1

31/8



Topic: An embarrassing experience



'Phrases' FOR THE TOPIC:

*I could have sunk through the floor
lose face
I wanted the earth to swallow me up
My face was red as an apple
Cat got your tongue*

- What was the embarrassing experience?
- Who was involved?
- What conflicts did you encounter?
- How was the problem solved?
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story analysis

etched	herculean task	dawned
psyches	to knock the socks off	waltzing
sharpest tool in the shed	thoroughly	omen
astounded	blunders	indelible

Introduction

Some memories are forever 1. _____ onto our 2. _____, especially embarrassing ones. The ones that haunt you as a constant reminder of your failures. I have such an experience. It happened one early october when I had to make a speech at school for racial harmony. Before that, I'd like to state, I am not 3. _____ especially when it comes to vocabulary. Therefore, I was a little 4. _____ that I was chosen. To prepare for the 5. _____ ahead, I memorized some fancy vocabulary so as 6. _____ my audience members. However, I did not realize that not understanding the meaning 7. _____ is going to cause one of the biggest 8. _____ in our school history.

Conflict

The day of the speech finally 9. _____. It was a bright and cheery morning, with magnolia clouds 10. _____ in the azure blue sky. I took it as good 11. _____ that all will go well. The principal announced my name and I marched up the stage proud as a peacock, certain I was going to leave an 12. _____ mark on everyone's mind. Little did I know, I will. But, not in the way I would like. The topic was racial harmony. "Dear friends!" I boomed. Everyone was impressed by my loud and steady voice.



essential	cultivate
shell-shocked	ingrained
exuberance	hissed
attempting	tragic

Climax

"Racism is extremely 13. _____ for our nation's progress."

The 14. _____ faces of my audience should have stopped me but I continued, confidently. "Everyone should practise racism!"

In my 15. _____, I didn't realize I had made a fatal mistake. I thought racism meant racial harmony. However, I was oblivious to my mistake and continued despite the impromptu giggles that escaped from some of the audience members. "We should 16. _____ racism from young! I propose we begin as early as a child learns to talk!"

Just as I finished that sentence, my principal plucked me out of the stage. The adults had utter horror 17. _____ on their faces as I was led away.

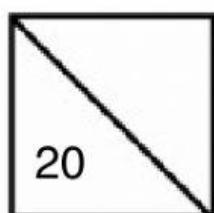
"What has gotten into you?" my principal 18. _____.

It was only then I realized, I had accidentally made a 19. _____ flaw. My face was red as an apple.

Conclusion

After hours at the principal's office and explaining I meant no harm, I was finally let out. Honestly, I never recovered from that incident.

Sometimes, I still wish the earth will open and swallow me whole. I had learnt a valuable lesson. Learn the meanings of any vocabulary thoroughly before 20. _____ a public speech or you would lose face!



Phrases	Meaning
not the sharpest tool in the shed	
lose face	
astounded	
to knock the sock off	
dawned	
waltzing	
tragic	
silver - tongued	
omen	
cultivate	
essential	
hissed	

develop	important	speak in a disapproving tone like a snake
sign	eloquent	chaotic
impress	arrived / began	dancing
flabbergasted	humiliated	stupid / unintelligent



Introduction

Who are you?

What are you doing?

Introduce yourself or other characters with a MAMA JOKE or a simile

Describe weather or surroundings

Include a foreshadow

Useful phrases		
Magnolia clouds waltzed in the sapphire blue sky	Speech: Silver - tongued boomed	Simile: as loud as thunder
The sun burned like a brilliant fire ball	Crisp and clear voice	Simile: <i>Everyone could hear me as clear as crystal</i>
The sun bathed the entire school with its warm golden glow	Loud and steady speech delivered the speech eloquently	Simile: Voice like a coyote with bronchitis



Introduction



Conflict

Introduce the problem

Show feelings

Personal thoughts

Plant the problem which will later go wrong in the climax

Create anticipation (clickbait) where necessary

Useful phrases	
-proud as a peacock -walked with my chin held up high	-flashed a bright smile - flashed my pearly whites
-Marched up to stage - wanted to knock the socks off the audience	-exuberance flooded my body
- wanted to leave a mark on everyone's minds - indelible mark	-Adrenaline coursed through my veins



Conflict

