



Week 8
Primary

The Write Tribe

**VOCABULARY
BUILDER**

16/9



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

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| thick and thin | waltzed | hesitantly |
| thick as thieves | night and day | evasive |
| fateful | plodding | gut feeling |
| proverb | jubilation | request |

| MEANINGS | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ask politely | intuition | dodging |
| 1. WORD: | 2. WORD: | 3. WORD: |
| short well known piece of advice | elation | reluctantly |
| 4. WORD: | 5. WORD: | 6. WORD: |
| all the time, constantly | have an important & negative effect on the future | trudge |
| 7. WORD: | 8. WORD: | 9. WORD: |
| very close with one another | danced | through many difficult times |
| 10. WORD: | 11. WORD: | 12. WORD: |



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| take a hike | smashed into smithereens |
| creased in sorrow | insisted |
| dilemma | confronted |
| qualms | out of character |

| MEANINGS | | |
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| demand forcefully | filled with sadness | break into many pieces |
| 13. WORD: | 14. WORD: | 15. WORD: |
| in a pickle | come face to face | behave in a way that's inconsistent with someone's usual pattern of behaviour |
| 16. WORD: | 17. WORD: | 18. WORD: |
| reservations / doubts / feelings of uneasiness | go away | |
| 19. WORD: | 20. WORD: | |



IDIOMS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

| word/phrase | meaning |
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| to see eye to eye with someone | |
| friends in high places | |
| to build bridges | |
| birds of the same feather flock together | |
| to know someone inside out | |
| to get on swimmingly | |

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| to get along well with someone | people who are alike hang out together | have influential or important friends |
| to know someone very well | to promote friendly relations between two people or groups | to agree with someone |



Form sentences using the idioms below. Do not copy the examples. Copying the examples will result in the reduction of 1 WRITE BUCK!

1. BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

To be wrong or misguided about the reason for something

He thinks the company's problems can be solved just by firing the sales team, but he's barking up the wrong tree.

2. BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH

To talk about unimportant things because you're avoiding a particular topic

Stop beating about the bush! Are you planning to quit university, or not?

3. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

It's better to do something late than not at all

Person A: "Sorry I missed your birthday! There's a card in the post."

*Person B: "Don't worry. **Better late than never!**"*



4. BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

To be in a difficult situation where both options are bad

Person A: "If I go to the wedding mum will be upset, but if I don't go then I'll be letting down the rest of the family!"

*Person B: "Sounds like you're caught **between a rock and a hard place**."*

5. BITE OFF MORE THAN ONE CAN CHEW

To do too much or take something on that is too difficult

Person A: "I'm going to start that weekend job at the museum on top of my full-time job because I really need the money."

*Person B: "Sounds like a lot of work! Don't **bite off more than you can chew**."*





MATCH THE IDIOMS

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| A BLESSING IN DISGUISE | | | A nearby place |
| A SANDWICH SHORT OF A PICNIC | | | someone does something that makes a bad situation worse |
| A STONE'S THROW | | | someone is already hurt and you do something to make them feel worse |
| ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS | | | Something bad that turned out to be good. |
| ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE | | | A person who is a little crazy |
| ADD INSULT TO THE INJURY | | | a point in your life where you have to make a decision that could take you on very different paths |
| ALL EARS | | | Trust someone by what they do not what they say |
| AT A CROSSROADS | | | excited to hear |

