



Week 9
Primary

The Write Tribe

**VOCABULARY
BUILDER**

23/9



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

perplexed	knee-slapping	kick boredom to the curb
epiphany	heebie - jeebies	cats and dogs
plummeted	clapped	put through the wringer
irrational	hallmarks	sink in

INTRODUCTION



BEGIN WITH A PROVERB

Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is. That saying didn't 1. _____ me, until one fateful day. The day I had to face my fear of the dark. But before that, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Zachary and I have all the 2. _____ of a coward. I have an 3. _____ fear of the dark. I am so scared of the dark that I keep the lights on night and day! All my friends make fun of me. However, early August this year, my frazzled nerves was 4. _____.



OOH! FORESHADOW

CONFLICT

It was raining 5. _____. I was home alone as my parents had gone out for an important dinner. Not knowing how to 6. _____, I decided to watch some television. Thunder continuously 7. _____ and lightning flashed outside. I was getting the 8. _____ and decided to watch some 9. _____ comedy to kill time.



However, I wasn't prepared for what would happen next. With a loud clap of thunder, my house 10. _____ into darkness.

My heart skipped a beat. My legs turned to lead. What was going on? I didn't dare make a move. I was frozen stiff.

It was as if all my nightmares decided to gang up on me, all at once.

My mind started reeling with nightmarish images of Frankenstein trudging towards me.

As I huddled to a corner, 11. _____ about what to do next, something else brimmed inside of me. It was a 12. _____.

Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is.



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

pearls of wisdom	rise to the occasion
epitome	swift
oozing	crept
bloodcurdling	chided

CONFLICT

My grandma's 13. _____ echoed in my head.

I decided to 14. _____. It was time to face my fear.

All I needed was matches and a candle. It's in the kitchen drawer. I just have to walk there and get it. No Frankenstein or the clown from the movie IT is waiting for me there. How silly! I 15. _____ myself.

As I 16. _____ down the stairs to my kitchen, I already felt braver. I pulled the drawer in a 17. _____ manner.





ANTICIPATION: CLICKBAIT- DON'T REVEAL JUST YET!

However, little did I know my bravery was about to be short-lived. What I saw next is the
18. _____ of nightmares.

A dark shadowy monster, the size of Godzilla appeared. I let out a
19. _____ scream and threw a plate at it. The plate smashed into
smithereens and instantly the lights came on.

That shadowy figure was not Godzilla or that clown from IT. It was my Dad. Blood was
20. _____ from his hand.

CONCLUSION

"Dad!" What in heaven's name..."

"The doorbell wasn't working. So I came in!"

My face was beetroot red. I was so embarrassed that I prayed the Earth will swallow me
whole. Ever since that, I learnt my lesson and decided to work on my fear.



LEARN A LESSON

I have made leaps of progress. The fear of darkness doesn't affect me as much anymore.
Fear truly makes the wolf bigger than he is.



IDIOMS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

word/phrase	meaning
gives me the heebie - jeebies	
make your blood run cold	
jumped out of my skin	
heart skipped a beat	
scared out of my wits	
shake like a leaf	

feeling cold due to fear. Hands may turn clammy.	sudden fear that causes you to jump even if you didn't mean to	scared out of your mind
someone or some place gives you the creeps	heart feels like it stopped for a moment	tremble with fear



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

1. BITE THE BULLET

To decide to do something that is difficult or unpleasant, but necessary

*You're going to have to **bite the bullet** and tell your friend that you need the gameboy back.*

2. BLOW OFF STEAM

To do something that helps you get rid of stress, energy or anger

*After my meeting with the bully, I went for a run to **blow off steam**.*

3. BOB'S YOUR UNCLE

To say that a set of instructions or task is simple or easy

*To make the salad dressing, you just put oil, vinegar, honey and mustard into a bowl, mix them together and **bob's your uncle!***



4. BOG-STANDARD

Something that is very ordinary or basic, nothing special

*Despite the excellent reviews, we thought the restaurant was just **bog-standard**.*

5. BOTCH/BODGE JOB

Work that has been done badly, in a clumsy, lazy way

*The original builders did such a **bodge job** of our kitchen that we had to get it completely redone.*





MATCH THE IDIOMS

BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE		Better to come late than not go at all
BEAT AROUND THE BUSH		A difficult decision
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER		Not getting straight to the point /Avoid a topic as it's uncomfortable
BETWEEN A ROCK AND HARD PLACE		Take more responsibilities than you can handle
BITE OFF MORE THAN ONE CAN CHEW		Going to the wrong person or looking for something in the wrong place

