



Week 18
Primary 5/6

The Write Tribe

A WASTED OPPORTUNITY

PART 1

28/9



Topic: A wasted opportunity



'Phrases' FOR THE TOPIC:

Seize the day

There's no use crying over spilt milk

Practice makes perfect

- What was wasted opportunity?
- What lead it to become a wasted opportunity?
- How did the main character's flaws led him or her to waste the opportunity
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

binge-watching		
lounged	chuck	barge
undoing	on deaf ears	golden
prestigious	down the drain	hung low

INTRODUCTION

My head 1. _____ as the announcer finished reading out the names of all the finalists. Predictably, I didn't make it and I knew who exactly to blame - myself. I had the 2. _____ opportunity to take part in a talent shows held by the 3. _____ academy of music. I threw the opportunity 4. _____.

It all began two weeks ago when I received the news that I had been selected to participate in the talent show. "You better practise your piano daily, son!" my father advised. "Come on Dad! Music comes to me easy. Trust me, you'll see!"

My father's advice fell 5. _____ but little did I know that my arrogance will become my biggest 6. _____.

CONFLICT

Days passed and my routine after school went something like this. I would 7. _____ into my house, 8. _____ my bag onto the floor and run into the living room where my parents usually 9. _____. "Shouldn't you be practicing?" My mom would ask "There's plenty of time!" I would say and stuff my face with popcorn while 10. _____ shows on Netflix.



seize the day		
crying over spilt milk	stellar	eventual
exacerbate	dawnd	complacent
overconfidence	lost to the world	chastisement

A week passed and despite my dad's constant 11. _____, I hadn't gotten

around to playing the piano. I would switch on the television and become

12. _____. I let my 13. _____ get the better of me.

Finally, there was only one day left. No matter how much I practiced that night, I couldn't

get things right. I wished I hadn't been so 14. _____.

CLIMAX

The day of the talent show 15. _____. I started to panic and to make matters worse, as I got ready backstage at the contest venue, the sound of the clock ticking away only served to 16. _____ my anxiety,

Realizing that I had not practiced hard enough for the contest after listening to a few

finalists who were ahead of me, I dreaded the thought of facing my parents with the

17. _____ results. When it was my turn, I played as well as I could but I knew it was no 18. _____ performance. In fact, I made one too many mistakes. Finally, it was

time to announce the results. My head hung low as the announcer finished reading out the names of all the finalists.

CONCLUSION

Predictably, I didn't make it and I knew who exactly to blame - myself. "There's no point

19. _____, son!" I heard my father say. I sighed in

disappointment and dragged my feet home. I learnt never to be

complacent and 20. _____, always.

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IDIOMS ABOUT WINNING

word/phrase	meaning
Couch potato	
Worrywart	
Down to Earth	
Go-getter	
Seize the day	
Key to success	

Lazy person	A practical person	Grab opportunities
Worries for nothing	Someone who sets out to achieve their goals	The method to winning



Introduction

- **Where are you? Who are you with?**
- **What kind of day was it?**
- **Describe yourself or other characters with a simile or Mama joke**
- **Include a foreshadow**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks

Beads of perspiration formed on his forehead and they glistened under the glare of the stage lights

I waited with bated breath

Over-confidence got the better of me

He raised the bottle and poured the water right into his throat. Then, he burped contentedly and rubbed his distended belly

Foreshadow

Little did I know, my complacency will lead to my ruin

If only I knew my complacency will lead to my failure, I would have done other wise

Anticipation

Nothing could prepare for the next moment.

I couldn't believe my eyes

What I saw next will forever be etched into my psyche



Introduction



Conflict

- **Ease into the situation.**
- **Slowly introduce the problem. Why was this a problem?**
- **Show your emotions and personal thoughts**
- **THE FINAL PUSH - Enough is enough moment. What made the character decide?**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks

“Don’t become complacent!”

His words fell on to deaf ears

I was lost to the world

I kept procrastinating over and over

My father’s patience turned into fury

My father’s continuous chastisement irritated

My father fed me a constant barrage of advice



Conflict

