



**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	dawned	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. \_\_\_\_\_.

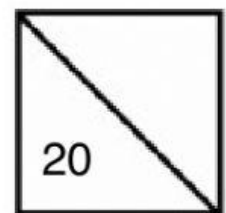
### CLIMAX

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.



## 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



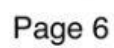
## Introduction

- **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
<p>Beads of perspiration formed on his forehead and they glistened under the glare of the stage lights</p> <p>I waited with bated breath</p> <p>Over-confidence got the better of me</p> <p>He raised the bottle and poured the water right into his throat. Then, he burped contentedly and rubbed his distended belly</p>
<p><b>Foreshadow</b></p> <p>Little did I know, my complacency will lead to my ruin</p> <p>If only I knew my complacency will lead to my failure, I would have done other wise</p>
<p><b>Anticipation</b></p> <p>Nothing could prepare for the next moment.</p> <p>I couldn't believe my eyes</p> <p>What I saw next will forever be etched into my psyche</p>





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## 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





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