



Week 1
Primary 5/6

The Write Tribe

AN ANIMAL IN DISTRESS

PART 1

Topic: An animal in distress

Write a composition of least 150 words using one or more of the pictures below.



Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What happened to the animal?
- What were the obstacles you faced while trying to rescue it?
- Where did you find the animal?
- What did it look like?
- What was the lesson learnt?

Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

despicable		
futile	lead	piteous
puny	inquisitive	pricked
burly	raucous	stroll

It was a bright and cheery morning. Steven loves walking in the park especially in the mornings. He likes the smell of fresh, minty air. However, little did he know, today he would encounter something out of the usual. As Steven was having his usual

1. _____ in the park, he heard something bizarre.

.He 2. _____ up his ears to listen carefully. 3. _____ meows

could be heard from behind the bushes. This was followed by a howl of

4. _____ laughter! Feeling 5. _____, he followed the direction of the sound. What he saw next, turned his legs to 6. _____.

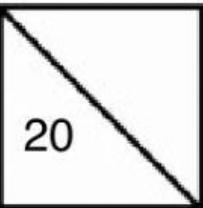
A 7. _____ boy, barely older than him was holding a kitten by its tail! The kitten was so 8. _____, it could fit snugly into Steven's palm. It struggled in its torturer's hands, making 9. _____ attempts to get away. Disgust brimmed within Steven! How could the boy do such a 10. _____ act?

However, Steven was afraid. The boy was at least three times his size and could beat Steven to pulp. Steven stood there rooted in horror unable to decide what to do next.



veterinary		
scrambled	brave face	steel
momentum	daggers	precariously
deaf ears	intervene	flicked

Little could prepare Steven for what was about to unfold. The boy 11. _____ a lighter open and brought it 12. _____ close to the kitten's fur. Steven had enough. It was time to 13. _____ his frazzled nerves and 14. _____. "Stop right there!" Steven bellowed. Feeling shocked, the boy dropped the kitten. The boy's vacant eyes stared 15. _____ into Steven's eyes. Yet, Steven put a 16. _____ on. Steven's warnings fell on 17. _____. Without a second thought, the boy kicked the kitten. The poor thing could barely keep its eyes open. It twitched in pain. As the boy built 18. _____ to kick the kitten again, Steven had an idea! "Look! Police!" Steven lied. The bully promptly 19. _____ out of sight. Steven picked up the kitten. It certainly needed 20. _____ care. He learnt a lesson that day. Fear makes a wolf bigger than he is. Even though, the bully was three times his size, he was no match to the courage Steven had inside. As for the kitten, it made a speedy recovery and Steven adopted it. He named it, Second Chance.



USEFUL IDIOMS

word/phrase	meaning
Put a brave face on	
A perfect storm	
By the skin of one's teeth	
Get a taste of your own medicine	
Throw caution to the wind	
Fortune favors the bold	

escaping barely	Take a risk	The brave are rewarded
get treated the way you treat others especially if you treat them badly	worst possible situation	try to look brave when you are not



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

It was a bright and cheery morning.
The sky was an azure blue.
Magnolia clouds pranced about in the sapphire blue canvas above.

Foreshadow

If only I knew, something unusual was awaiting to happen
Nothing could prepare me for what fate had in store.
However, little did he know, today he would encounter something out of the usual

Introduction



TOOLS

SHOCK

I was blue with shock to see the cruel act unfolding before my eyes.

I let out a gasp so loud, I am sure the other end of the universe heard it.

A gasp escaped my mouth.

My jaw dropped open in shock.

I must have emitted a clearly audible 'Gulp!' as I realized what was coming for me.

I blurted out, "Oops!"- the standard reaction a wimp like me would make in a situation like this.

I simply muttered, "Oh no!" The standard reaction to finding out one is in a whole lot of trouble. That one is none other than me.

He was stunned into silence.

PITY

Quivering eyes

Beaten to pulp

Blood oozing out of its body

Blood gushed out from its mouth

Leaving bloody paw prints on the ground

Bleeding from its nose

Hammered onto the ground

The dog could barely open its eye

ANGER

He shot me a death glare that sent off a clear message - to shut up or be beaten to pulp.

His eyes was literally popping out in anger

She became so enraged that she flew into a tirade of abuse.

He beckoned me with a finger, inviting me to a fight that I would probably lose.

I flew into unstoppable rage

I went into a fury so intense, I completely went ballistic.

He gave me an expression that clearly read, "You've got to be kidding me!"

FEAR

Steeled my frazzled nerves

My face was etched with fear

My heart was pounding so loudly that I swear I must be a living drum.

I have to kick whatever fear rising inside of me into submission or i'll wind up dead.

I admit that I have all the hallmarks of a coward.

My instincts screamed at me to shamelessly run and hide

I'm a huge dork. I frankly lack all heroic impulses.



Conflict

