



**Week 15**  
**Primary 3/4**

**The Write Tribe**

# A GRACIOUS ACT PART 1



## Topic: A gracious act

Write a composition of least 120 words using one or more of the pictures below.



### **'Sayings' FOR THE TOPIC:**

lend a helping hand

"You have two hands. One is to help yourself, the second is to help others!"

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the act of graciousness?
- Why weren't others doing it?
- What pushed you to help?
- What was the lesson learnt?



# Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

|                |                      |           |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| evoke          |                      |           |
| audacity       | yourself to the bone | ensued    |
| exasperated    | some Zs              | plopped   |
| my lucky stars | hit the sack         | dog tired |

## INTRODUCTION

My examinations were finally over. I was 1. \_\_\_\_\_ from burning the midnight oil for weeks. I couldn't wait to go home and 2. \_\_\_\_\_. Images of my a soft, comfortable bed, filled my mind. I got on the train and counted 3. \_\_\_\_\_ for finding a seat. I 4. \_\_\_\_\_ myself onto the seat to catch 5. \_\_\_\_\_, till my stop comes.

## CONFLICT

Just then, a heavily pregnant lady stepped in. My eyes darted around, hoping there was a seat available for her, so I wouldn't have to give up mine. Alas! None was available. I was 6. \_\_\_\_\_ to find the priority seats filled up with passengers, pretending to be asleep. One even had the 7. \_\_\_\_\_ to glance at the woman from top to down before glueing himself to his mobile phone. A battle between good and evil 8. \_\_\_\_\_ in my mind. The devil in my mind went on saying, "Come on, Wen Qi! You have been working 9. \_\_\_\_\_! Besides, you are not even sitting on a priority seat. If others can't be bothered, why should you be?" I began to relax. However, the angel in my mind wasn't letting the matter rest! "How can you be so inconsiderate? Look at that lady. Doesn't she 10. \_\_\_\_\_ pity in you?"



|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| featured           | turn a blind eye |
| like a log         | inconsiderate    |
| a piece of my mind | off the hook     |
| hit the ceiling    | graciously       |
| helping hand       | floored          |

## CLIMAX

I let out an exasperated sigh and got up. I walked up to the lady and

11. \_\_\_\_\_ offered my seat. Some of the passengers, burned with shame. I wasn't letting them 12. \_\_\_\_\_. My anger 13. \_\_\_\_\_ and I decided to give them 14. \_\_\_\_\_.

"Shame on all of you! How can you be so 15. \_\_\_\_\_! How could you turn 16. \_\_\_\_\_ to this lady?" I bellowed. They hung their hands in shame. Contented, I left when my stop came. I went home and slept 17. \_\_\_\_\_. The next day, my principal called me during assembly and praised my gracious act. Apparently, someone took a picture of my gracious act and it was 18. \_\_\_\_\_ in the newspaper. I was 19. \_\_\_\_\_ by all the positive comments. I was happy to lend a 20. \_\_\_\_\_ to lady.

I learnt a lesson that day. We should always be considerate to those in need.



## **IDIOMS ABOUT RELATED TO THE THEME**

| word/phrase                     | meaning |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| <b>praised to the skies</b>     |         |
| <b>dog tired</b>                |         |
| <b>barely keep my eyes open</b> |         |
| <b>hit the ceiling</b>          |         |
| <b>sleep like a log</b>         |         |
| <b>turn a blind eye</b>         |         |

|   |                            |   |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| <b>so tired you can't keep your eyes open</b> | <b>feeling exhausted</b>   | <b>to receive lavish amount of praise</b> |
| <b>anger reaches the maximum level</b>        | <b>sleep like the dead</b> | <b>pretend to not notice</b>              |



## Introduction

- **Where are you? Who are you with?**
- **What kind of day was it?**
- **What is your exhaustion. Describe it with a simile or Mama joke**
- **Tell a short backstory about why you felt tired?**
- **Include a foreshadow**

### Useful phrases / words for extra bucks

dog tired

eyelids were heavy

eyelids felt like lead

the train was packed like sardines

turned a blind eye

plopped onto my seat

### Foreshadow

Little did I know, my desire to get forty winks will be ruined

### Weather:

The sky was a sapphire blue dotted with clouds that looked like cotton candy.

Magnolia clouds waltzed in the sky



## 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   |
|--|
| anger hit the ceiling  |
| I blew my top  |
| a battle of good and evil ensued in my mind  |
| I was in a dilemma   |
| Heavily pregnant lady<br>Commuters<br>Passengers<br>ignored<br>working to the bone<br>priority seats |



## Conflict

