



Week 17
Primary 3/4

A DISHONEST 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:

Cheaters never truly win

"Cheaters never prosper!"

Honesty is the best policy

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the act of dishonesty?
- Why was it a bad act?
- What pushed you to do it?
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

fervently		
commanded	flurry	balmy
exasperation	revert	dread
face the music	chastisement	trepidation

INTRODUCTION

Dragging my feet to the principal's office, my heart was filled with 1. _____.

I was filled with so much 2. _____ that even seconds ticked by like hours! Why was I so stupid? My mind mercilessly continued its 3. _____. However, it was too late and now I have to 4. _____. I momentarily paused before I knocked the door. I finally let out a sigh of 5. _____ and proceeded. How I wish I could go back in time and 6. _____ events? Just a few hours ago, things were normal. It was a 7. _____ Monday morning. The day of my maths examination. Our classroom was a 8. _____ of excitement.

CONFLICT

"Okay class! Get ready!" our teacher, Ms Maha 9. _____. Immediately, we scrambled to our seats. The classroom was quiet as a graveyard. Soon the paper started. When I got my paper, my mind drew a blank. Everything looked like greek to me. How could that be? I had 10. _____ prepared for this paper. Yet, I couldn't attempt even one question! My eyes darted left and right. My heart was in my mouth.



resorted		
proceeded	barked	down the drain
overhear	thanked my lucky stars	burned the midnight oil
tersely	peripheral	exacerbated

CLIMAX

The constant clicking of pens and sounds of furious writing only 11. _____ my anxiety. I couldn't possibly fail! I had 12. _____ for weeks and barely slept a wink. I couldn't possibly let all the hard work go 13. _____! Suddenly, I saw in my 14. _____ vision the answer to my dilemma. I had a clear view of my classmate Zachary's paper. Zachary is one of the top students. I was so grateful that I 15. _____. Unbeknownst to my knowledge, my teacher was watching my every move. Just as I was finished copying, Ms. Maha 16. _____, "Celia! I saw what you did!" My legs turned to lead. "To the principal's office!" she said, 17. _____.

CONCLUSION

Here I am now in the principal's office, facing the music. Shame burned me from head to toe as I 18. _____ the principal calling my parents. I could imagine the embarrassment my parents have to go through. "I am so sorry! I didn't mean to do it!" words escaped my lips. I 19. _____ to explain to my principal why I decided to cheat. I explained to him I was in such a pickle that I 20. _____ to cheat! However, what happened next surprised me. - CLICKBAIT

"I know you are a good student, Celia. You had a burnout. However, that doesn't mean cheating is alright. I am going to let you off the hook this time. I hope you take my advice.



Cheaters never prosper. Please remember that!" my principal's tender words were like medicine to my wounds. I promised her that I had learnt my lesson!



IDIOMS ABOUT RELATED TO THE THEME

word/phrase	meaning
rub salt into a wound	
A light in a sea of darkness	
Don't cry over spilt milk	
look before you leap	
live and learn	
once bitten, twice shy	

you become cautious after you have faced the consequences once and wouldn't do it again	gauge the consequences first	make a bad situation worse
a lesson learnt	no point pondering about something you cannot change	hope in a difficult situation



Introduction

- **Start your story at an interesting point**
- **Build anticipation around**
- **Describe where you are. Describe yourself**
- **Include a foreshadow**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks

-Some lessons in life are forever etched in your memory

-Once bitten, twice shy. I lived and learnt it. Back in 2006,

-Look before you leap. That idiom kept ringing in my head as I waited in the principal's office. How I wish I had taken my own advice!

-Don't cry over spilt milk. What has happened has happened and now I have to face the music

- The day opened promisingly. The sun was bright. The clouds were marshmallows. However, the insides of my tummy reflected another story. I was having butterflies. After all, it was my math exam!

Foreshadow

Little did I know, the beautiful day was secretly brewing a storm

Nothing could prepare me for what was to unfold next



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

- The sounds of the students enthusiastically writing only exacerbated my irritation
- My heart was in my mouth
- I was in a pickle. I didn't know what to do
- Everything appeared like greek to me
- From my peripheral vision, I saw the light in the sea of darkness. I found the answer sheet lying on the floor!

Anticipation

However what happened next, changed everything!

My answer to my prayer was a desk away

I counted my lucky stars as I found the solution to my dilemma

