



Week 5

Primary 5/6

The Write Tribe

**SURPRISE
PART 1**



Topic: Surprise



'Phrases' FOR THE TOPIC:

*Once bitten twice shy
backstabbed
Gold digger*

- What was surprise?
- How was the surprise planned?
- What were the conflicts faced?
- What happened in the end
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

with a silver spoon in the mouth		
dismay	let his hair down	paint the town red
down with a feather	at arms length	a rough patch
downhill	a whale of a time	down memory lane

INTRODUCTION

Looking through old albums of photos always sends me on a trip 1. _____.

Most of the memories are pleasant. However, one particular picture stood out from the rest. It was a picture of my best friend from Primary 5 - Peter.

Peter and I had been friends since kindergarten. We went through thick and thin together.

However, on February 15 2017, things turned 2. _____. <- (FORESHADOW)

CONFLICT

The memories are still fresh in my brain. The sky was an azure blue. Magnolia clouds dotted the sky. It was Peter's birthday. Being his best friend, I took it upon myself to throw him a surprise party! I wanted him to have 3. _____. Besides, we just got into secondary school. It had been a rough first semester for him. Peter's father had recently lost his job. His family was going through 4. _____. Also, Peter had been keeping me 5. _____ lately. He has become so distant that I could feel us growing apart. I didn't want to lose my friendship.

Therefore, that weekend, I gathered some of my classmates to 6. _____.

Being born 7. _____ has its privileges. I was planning to buy him a brand new iPhone. Perhaps, if Peter can relax and 8. _____, we can finally play 'Roblox' together, like good old times.



My game plan was already in motion. Two days ago, I had already called Peter and told him I would be away on a trip.

"It's okay, Andrei! I hope we can celebrate together when you're back." I could hear the
9. _____ in his voice.

However, little did he know, we were going to sneak up to his house and give him a blast. Seeing that brand new iPhone will certainly knock Peter 10. _____!

showered	rooted to the ground	dead in my tracks
scoffed	brush it aside	mingle

CLIMAX

That afternoon, we grabbed the cake, presents, balloons and headed over to his house.

Peter was sitting with some new friends from our school. I never really got to

11. _____ with his new mates. They gave me bad vibes. Even though, I would have preferred him alone, I decided to 12. _____ and give him the surprise of a life time. We could overhear them talking. We tiptoed closer and closer until I heard my name pop up in their conversation.

"Why do you hang out with Andrei? He's such a nerd!" one of the boys 13. _____.

I stopped 14. _____. That was a jab at my esteem. I was certain

Peter would stand up for me. **However, nothing could prepare me for the next moment.**

"Andrei's dad is filthy rich. Do you know how many gifts he has 15. _____ me

with?" It was unmistakable. That was Peter's voice. I stood

16. _____. I couldn't believe my own ears. "I hinted to him I wanted a new iPhone. I am sure, in two days, a brand new iPhone will be sitting in my hands! You'll see!" Peter continued.



true colors	incensed
mend fences	struck dumb

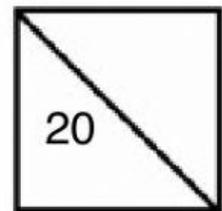
The group burst into peals of laughter. I was 17. _____ that I didn't realize the iPhone slipped from my hand and fell with a thud.

Shocked, Peter turned around. His eyes met mine! Peter's jaw dropped. He didn't expect me to be there. "I-I can explain!" Peter blurted out.

My face flushed red in anger and embarrassment. I was 18. _____ at myself for being so gullible and not realizing Peter's 19. _____. I was embarrassed I had made such arduous efforts for a gold digger. I planned him a surprise birthday party and got a shock as my present.

I fled from his place with hot tears streaming down my cheeks.

Even though Peter attempted to 20. _____ with me, I couldn't bring myself to trust him again. **Once bitten, twice shy.** From that day on, I learnt to mix with the right company. -> Lesson Learnt



IDIOMS RELATED TO THE THEME

word/phrase	meaning
struck dumb	
send me down memory lane	
mend fences	
out of the blue	
show one's true colours	
gold digger	

repair relationships	remembering pleasant memories	reveal one's true intentions
so shocked you can't speak	an unexpected surprise or shock	a materialistic person



Introduction

Who are you?

What are you doing?

Introduce other characters with a MAMA JOKE

Describe weather or surroundings

Include a foreshadow

Useful phrases		
Every time I look at _____, it sends me down memory lane	Foreshadow: On _____, everything went down hill	Mama joke: We were inseparable, as if we were stuck together with super-glue
The azure blue sky was filled with white cotton candy clouds	Foreshadow: Little did I know, our friendship would go downhill	Mama joke We were so close, we could be brothers!
The crystal blue sky emitted a happy atmosphere	Foreshadow: If only I knew, how gullible I was	Mama joke We were like two peas in pod. We had so many similar interests, we could write a book about it.



Conflict

Introduce the problem

Show feelings

Personal thoughts

Create anticipation (clickbait) but don't reveal the problem

just yet!

Useful phrases		
Exuberance coursed through my veins	Anticipation: The next thing I saw turned my feet into lead	knock him down with a feather
We were going to paint the town red for the whole weekend	Anticipation: Everything was going according to plan, except fate had even bigger plans for me.	out of the blue
A whale of a time	Anticipation: Nothing could prepare me for the next moment	going through a rough patch

