



**Primary 3/4**  
**Week 21**

# **FIGURES OF SPEECH: BEHAVIOUR**



**Fill in the blanks**

|                          |                         |                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| behaved out of character | let her down            | treats them like dirt |
| on their best behaviour  | leaving me in the lurch |                       |

1. The moment the security alarms sounded, my 'best friend' scampered away

\_\_\_\_\_ to face the burly security guard. Arms akimbo,  
the security guard, snarled at me through yellowed teeth, "How dare you  
shoplift?"

2. Eleanor has a demeanour made of steel. Proud as a peacock, she looks at

everyone with absolute disdain and \_\_\_\_\_. No wonder she  
has no friends!

3. My mother's face fell when she heard that I had shoplifted. She was silent, her

eyes downcast and I could tell that I had \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Everyone was \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard they were going

to the zoo. There was pin-drop silence in the classroom.

5. Jean \_\_\_\_\_ at the birthday party. We have never even

heard her speak in class! She is normally as quiet as a mouse!



## Form sentences

### On the edge of my seat

I was on the edge of my seat

#### Reason:

to know how the movie ended! The movie was that exciting!

#### Put them together:

I was on the edge of my seat to know how the movie ended. The movie was that exciting!

#### Reason:

The sight of the bickering siblings finally working together in harmony was

#### A joy to behold:

truly a joy to behold.

#### Put them together:

The sight of the bickering siblings finally working together in harmony was truly a joy to behold.

1. leaving me in the lurch

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2. treats them like dirt

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3. let someone down

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4. behave out of character

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5. on their best behaviour

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**Match them!**

**leaving someone in  
the lurch**



treat people very badly

**treat someone like  
dirt**



abandoning someone  
in a difficult time

**let someone down**



not act naturally

**to behave out of  
character**



disappoint someone

**on my best  
behaviour**



be very well behaved

