



**Primary 5/6**

**Week 17**

**The Write Tribe**

# **FIGURES OF SPEECH: COLOURS**

**PART 2**



**Fill in the blanks**

midas touch	yellow-bellied	red handed
white lie	blue blood	green-eyed monster

1. Even though the bread tasted downright awful and it almost made me gag,

I didn't want to break Vera's feelings. I decided to say a \_\_\_\_\_

that it was the best tasting bread in the world

2. Regina has the classic case of the \_\_\_\_\_. She feels

incredibly envious that Candice got a doll from the teacher. Unable to

contain her envy, Regina broke Candice's doll into two!

3. We were surprised to learn Robert has \_\_\_\_\_. We had no

idea his great grandfather was the King of Bolivia!

4. There was nowhere to run! The alarm bells were ringing and the guards

were running towards him. Oliver regretted stealing and now he has been

caught \_\_\_\_\_.



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5. My \_\_\_\_\_ brother is afraid of everything, including his own shadow!

6. Norman has the \_\_\_\_\_. He is successful at whatever he does.

He gets full marks for all his tests. It's like he has a lucky charm or something.



**Match the origin stories to the figures of speech.**

**The phrase probably referred to people caught with blood on their hands from murder or poaching. The evidence is on their hands. It originated from Scotland in the 15th century**

**Some believed jealousy occurred as result of the overproduction of bile, which turned human skin slightly green.**

**The poor worked on the fields and they were sun-tanned. The bourgeois never worked on fields. They were rich and lived in palaces. Their skin were so white that their veins appeared blue that many thought the rich must have blood that's blue.**

blue blood

red handed

green -eyed monster

Midas touch

yellow-bellied

white lie

**Throughout history white has been associated with innocence and angels. If a lie becomes white, even if it is a bad thing, it is done for something good. In this case to protect someone's feelings.**

**People are called chicken if they are cowards. Yellow being associated with cowardice may have been inspired by chicken egg yolks being yellow and chicken meaning coward.**

**King Midas loves gold! One day, he was given the boon to turn everything he touched into gold! He was very happy and turned everything into gold! Sadly, he accidentally turned his own daughter into a golden statue.**



## Form sentences

### Red handed

Farrah was caught red handed by the shopkeeper

#### Reason:

just as she tried to sneak away with the stolen candy.

#### Put them together:

Farrah was caught red handed by the shopkeeper just as she tried to sneak away with the stolen candy.

### Green - eyed monster

Linda was a green - eyed monster!

#### Reason:

She is envious of everyone.

#### Put them together:

Linda was a green - eyed monster!  
She is envious of everyone.

1. white lie

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2. green - eyed monster

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3. red handed

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4. yellow-bellied

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5. blue blood

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6. Midas touch

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**BONUS ROUND:**

**Match them!**

To see red

to feel sad

yellow bellied

to be angry

midas touch

a coward

white lie

to be  
successful in  
everything you  
do

feel blue

harmless lie to  
avoid hurting  
someone's  
feelings



Mom baked some cupcakes. She asked me to have a taste. When I put a piece in my mouth, I almost gagged. It tasted awful. However, I didn't want her to \_\_\_\_\_  , so I decided to say a  \_\_\_\_\_ . "Mom! It's the best!" I chirped, even though I knew lying is wrong! I guess I was scared and too  \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the truth. Maybe, she would  \_\_\_\_\_ if I told her that her cupcakes were hard as stone!

My grandmother is excellent at gardening. She has the  \_\_\_\_\_ . Whatever she plants, thrives! I guess we can say she has the  \_\_\_\_\_ . My grandmother used to be sick. Thankfully, she is now  \_\_\_\_\_ of health! I also heard my grandmother isn't like her siblings. Her siblings dislike gardening. She is the  \_\_\_\_\_ of her family!