



**Primary 5/6**

**Week 19**

**The Write Tribe**

# FIGURES OF SPEECH BODY

**PART 1**



<b>word/phrase</b>	<b>meaning</b>
<b>Thick-skinned</b>	
<b>Twiddling my thumbs</b>	
<b>A sweet tooth</b>	
<b>In the blink of an eye</b>	
<b>Scatterbrain</b>	

<b>doing nothing</b>	<b>a liking for sweet food</b>	<b>very quickly</b>
<b>a careless person who forgets things easily</b>		<b>not easily upset by criticism</b>



**Fill in the blanks**

<b>scatterbrain</b>	<b>twiddling her thumbs</b>	<b>sweet tooth</b>
<b>in the blink of an eye</b>	<b>thick-skinned</b>	

1. To say Alfie is \_\_\_\_\_ would be an understatement. The boy remains unfazed by the negative comments hurled by his classmates. It's as if he wears an invisible armour made of solid steel.
2. For the umpteenth time, Caleb had forgotten his wallet in the train. He is such a \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Having nothing to do, Jane sat there \_\_\_\_\_ except for the occasional nods during the project meeting to show that she was really interested in the discussion.
4. "If you don't fix your \_\_\_\_\_, you will have more gaps than teeth!" My mother warned my brother who was raiding the refrigerator in the middle of the night. Adorning a chocolate moustache, he sarcastically nodded in agreement. He can be very thick-skinned at times!
5. \_\_\_\_\_, the toddler went missing. Panic-stricken, the mother's eyes darted left and right, hoping to catch a glimpse of her child.



## Form sentences

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<b>word/phrase</b>	<b>meaning</b>
<b>getting on my nerves</b>	
<b>play it by ear</b>	
<b>has her heart set on</b>	
<b>almost jumped out of his skin</b>	
<b>to have eyes in the back of your head</b>	

<b>was very shocked or frightened</b>	<b>know everything that's going on around you</b>	<b>wants to get or achieve something very much</b>
<b>to annoy someone</b>	<b>do something without planning ahead</b>	



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1. Miss. Honey is a force to be reckoned with. Despite her tiny stature, she is a fire breathing dragon, extremely aware of all the shenanigans her students can be up to. She has \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Despite the financial struggles the family was facing, Alvin could not refuse his daughter the bicycle he had promised. She \_\_\_\_\_ the new bicycle and she would be crushed!
3. The moment I realized I had forgotten the piece of paper with the lyrics, I had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_. Heart palpating wildly, I hoped for the best and opened my mouth.
4. "You are driving me up the wall!" the frustrated teacher screamed as the noise started to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Vernice \_\_\_\_\_ when I opened the door without knocking. Eyes frozen in fear, she clutched her chest and gasped, "My goodness! I thought I was going to have a heart attack!"



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