



Week 9

Primary 3/4

The Write Tribe

BLACKOUT PART 1



Topic: Blackout

Write a composition of least 120 words using one or more of the pictures below.



'Sayings' FOR THE TOPIC:

Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- Why was there a blackout?
- How did it affect the main character?
- Why did the blackout affect the character so much?
- How did the character solve the problem?
- What was the lesson learnt?



Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

perplexed	knee-slapping	kick boredom to the curb
epiphany	heebie - jeebies	cats and dogs
plummeted	clapped	put through the wringer
irrational	hallmarks	sink in

INTRODUCTION



BEGIN WITH A PROVERB

Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is. That saying didn't 1. _____ me, until one fateful day. The day I had to face my fear of the dark. But before that, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Zachary and I have all the 2. _____ of a coward. I have an 3. _____ fear of the dark. I am so scared of the dark that I keep the lights on night and day! All my friends make fun of me. However, early August this year, my frazzled nerves was 4. _____.



OOH! FORESHADOW

CONFLICT

It was raining 5. _____. I was home alone as my parents had gone out for an important dinner. Not knowing how to 6. _____, I decided to watch some television. Thunder continuously 7. _____ and lightning flashed outside. I was getting the 8. _____ and decided to watch some 9. _____ comedy to kill time.



However, I wasn't prepared for what would happen next. With a loud clap of thunder, my house 10. _____ into darkness.

My heart skipped a beat. My legs turned to lead. What was going on? I didn't dare make a move. I was frozen stiff.

It was as if all my nightmares decided to gang up on me, all at once.

My mind started reeling with nightmarish images of Frankenstein trudging towards me.

As I huddled to a corner, 11. _____ about what to do next, something else brimmed inside of me. It was a 12. _____.

Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is.



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH MOMENTS COMES BEFORE A CLIMAX. YOUR CHARACTER IS PUSHED TO MAKE A DECISION.

pearls of wisdom	rise to the occasion
epitome	swift
oozing	crept
bloodcurdling	chided

CONFLICT

My grandma's 13. _____ echoed in my head.

I decided to 14. _____. It was time to face my fear.

All I needed was matches and a candle. It's in the kitchen drawer. I just have to walk there and get it. No Frankenstein or the clown from the movie IT is waiting for me there. How silly! I 15. _____ myself.

As I 16. _____ down the stairs to my kitchen, I already felt braver. I pulled the drawer in a 17. _____ manner.





ANTICIPATION: Clickbait- Don't Reveal Just Yet!

However, little did I know my bravery was about to be short-lived. What I saw next is the

18. _____ of nightmares.

A dark shadowy monster, the size of Godzilla appeared. I let out a

19. _____ scream and threw a plate at it. The plate smashed into smithereens and instantly the lights came on.

That shadowy figure was not Godzilla or that clown from IT. It was my Dad. Blood was

20. _____ from his hand.

CONCLUSION

"Dad!" What in heaven's name..."

"The doorbell wasn't working. So I came in!"

My face was beetroot red. I was so embarrassed that I prayed the Earth will swallow me whole. Ever since that, I learnt my lesson and decided to work on my fear.



LEARN A LESSON

I have made leaps of progress. The fear of darkness doesn't affect me as much anymore.

Fear truly makes the wolf bigger than he is.



IDIOMS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

word/phrase	meaning
gives me the heebie - jeebies	
make your blood run cold	
jumped out of my skin	
heart skipped a beat	
scared out of my wits	
shake like a leaf	

feeling cold due to fear. Hands may turn clammy.	sudden fear that causes you to jump even if you didn't mean to	scared out of your mind
someone or some place gives you the creeps	heart feels like it stopped for a moment	tremble with fear



Introduction

- **Where are you? Who are you with?**
- **What kind of day was it?**
- **What is your biggest fear. Describe it with a simile or Mama joke**
- **Tell a short backstory about your fear**
- **Include a foreshadow**

Useful phrases / words for extra bucks
Fear I was immobilised with fear My face turned pale I was paralyzed with terror My courage was short-lived My heart pounded against my chest like a jackhammer My heart was pounding so loud, I was sure my neighbours could hear it.
Foreshadow Nothing could prepare me for the next moment What happens next will change my life forever The next moment would put my frazzled nerves to test
Weather: There was a deep rumble in the distance The storm raged on for hours Rain pelted against my window panes Flashes of lightning threatened to tear the night sky



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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
My mind came to a conclusion. I decided to face my demons Fear ricocheted through my body When the going gets tough, the tough gets going I had to stop being a wuss!
The darkness Darkness engulfed my entire home My room was blanketed with blackness Flashes of lightning lit the room momentarily, sending shivers down my spine

