



**Week 3**  
**Primary 5/6**

# **A MEMORABLE PERSON**

## **PART 1**

## Topic: A memorable person

Write a composition of least 150 words using one or more of the pictures below.



Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- Who was this memorable person?
- How did they impact you?
- Narrow down the impact to a single incident
- What happened?
- What was the lesson learnt?

**Saying : It is better to try and fail than never try at all!**

# Story Study

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

| sharpest tool in the shed |             |                 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| despised                  | simpleton   | anticipating    |
| glistened                 | stimulating | out of the blue |
| blow their tops           | indelible   | day to day      |

## INTRODUCTION

We meet plenty of people in our 1. \_\_\_\_\_ lives. Many hardly leave an impression on us. However, a handful leave an 2. \_\_\_\_\_ mark in our psyches, 3. \_\_\_\_\_ our spirits to reach higher horizons. Like a comet, bolting 4. \_\_\_\_\_ they come into our lives, changing us forever for the good. I keep a very special pen in my pencil case. It may look ordinary to you. It is, after all, a simple ball-point pen. However, for me, it is special. It was given to me by my English teacher, Mrs. Grace, one Friday morning. A Friday morning that will change my life forever.

## CONFLICT

The day is still fresh in my memories. The dew 5. \_\_\_\_\_ on the freshly cut grass as I headed to school. It was sports day and I was 6. \_\_\_\_\_ it with excitement. I am not the 7. \_\_\_\_\_, I barely pass my examinations. For a 8. \_\_\_\_\_ like me, sports day is the day I can shine. I worked day and night for the running race. My teachers particularly 9. \_\_\_\_\_ me. Who can blame them? I was known to be disruptive, often making my teachers 10. \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs. Grace was no exception. I was certain, she disliked me as well. Little did I know, my impression on her would change forever.



|                  |              |           |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| pomp             |              |           |
| plethora         | hyped        | cue       |
| took to my heels | disconcerted | nostalgic |
| dwindle          | agonizing    | prize     |

The sports day commenced with much 11. \_\_\_\_\_ and fanfare. Students dressed in flaming colours packed the stadium amongst a 12. \_\_\_\_\_ of colourful displays of banners and decorations. I was feeling 13. \_\_\_\_\_ and ready for the race.

### CLIMAX

As the 14. \_\_\_\_\_ to start running announced itself with an air pistol, I took to action, running as fast as the wind. My eyes were on the 15. \_\_\_\_\_, quite literally too! I wanted to win first place so I can qualify for the National race. I was close to the finishing line, when I felt an 16. \_\_\_\_\_ pain, shooting up my leg. Oh no! Not a cramp. Before I knew it, my face met the floor. I saw my chances of winning the race 17. \_\_\_\_\_ to non-existence. However, I did not give up. I told myself, “It ain’t over until the fat lady sings!” I got up and 18. \_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, I didn’t make it to first place. In fact, I was last. I could sense my classmates snickering at me. All my hard work went down the drain. I stood there at the prize giving ceremony with dismay etched across my face. The teacher who was giving away prizes was Mrs. Grace. “I bet she’s happy!” I muttered. However, nothing could prepare me for the next moment. “Andrei! Please come to the stage!” I heard her call my name. I felt 19. \_\_\_\_\_, thinking she was calling me up to publicly embarrass me. With shaky legs, I went up to stage. “Everyone wants to crown the winners. But, I’d like to crown a special person for effort. Andrei did not give up despite knowing he



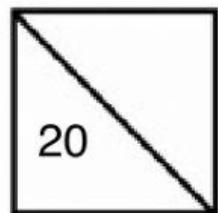
barely had a chance. I don't have a trophy but i'd like to offer him a special pen for special effort!" she boomed on the microphone for all to hear. It was a heart-warming moment.

## CONCLUSION

That is the reason why I still hold on to the pen to remind me of this very special person.

Call me 20. \_\_\_\_\_, but today I am a successful person thanks to Mrs. Grace.

Thanks to her inspiration, I not only went to to pass my examinations with flying colours, I also became a successful sportsman in my community. I learnt that it is better to try and fail than never try at all!



## USEFUL IDIOMS

| word/phrase                            | meaning |
|--|---------|
| pass with flying colours               |         |
| took to the heels                      |         |
| it ain't over until the fat lady sings |         |
| not the sharpest tool in the shed      |         |
| the early bird gets the worm           |         |
| blow one's top                         |         |

|                                     |                      |   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| run fast                            | lose temper          | unintelligent                                   |
| do extremely well in an examination | it isn't the end yet | the first people who arrive gets the best stuff |



## Introduction

- **Start off with quote or a musing of the topic at hand**
- **Slowly transition to a past memory**
- **describe the day. Who are you with? What was the day like?**
- **Include a foreshadow**

### Useful phrases / words for extra bucks

The dew glistened on the freshly cut grass

The morning promised a victorious day

It was a bright and cheery morning.

The sky was an azure blue.

Magnolia clouds pranced about in the sapphire blue canvas above.

### Foreshadow

Little did I know, my impression on him/her would change forever

I had no idea my perceptions would be turned upside down

However, today was the day my perception on \_\_\_\_\_ would be challenged



## Introduction



## 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

#### EASE INTO THE SCENE

I still remember the day like it happened yesterday

My memories are still fresh. The day started

The sports day open with pomp and celebration

Flamboyant posters adorned every wall

The cheering of the crowd raised exuberance within me

#### Anticipation

Little did I know, my plans of winning will go downhill

Nothing could prepare me for what fate had in store

If only I knew, what fate was brewing up

