



**Primary 5/6**

**Week 17**

**The Write Tribe**

**FIGURES OF SPEECH:  
COLOURS  
PART 1**



MATCH WITH THE CORRECT MEANINGS

To see red

White elephant

To feel blue

in the pink

Black sheep

green thumb

|                    |                                                          |                              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| to become angry    | someone who is not liked for being different from others | to feel sad                  |
| To be very healthy | something that cost you a lot of money but is useless    | to be good at growing plants |

**Fill in the blanks**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>to see red</b>  | <b>black sheep</b>    | <b>feeling blue</b> |
| <b>in the pink</b> | <b>white elephant</b> | <b>green thumbs</b> |

1. My grandmother has a beautiful garden filled with roses, carnations and orchids.  
She is a stellar gardener and has \_\_\_\_\_.
2. After Cecilia broke my favourite vase, her mother started \_\_\_\_\_.  
She beckoned Cecilia over in an angry voice.
3. After being sick for many days, Johanath was told by the doctor that he was  
\_\_\_\_\_ of health!
4. Veronica was \_\_\_\_\_ as her favourite toy couldn't be mended.
5. Gaston was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the classroom. Everyone loved P.E  
lessons except him. He prefers art.
6. Vera regretted buying the expensive piano. It has become a  
\_\_\_\_\_ as she does not know how to play the piano.



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

Since blood is red, the colour red had been associated with violence. Violence usually starts from anger. That's how red became associated with anger.

White wool can be dyed into a plethora of colours. It was considered useful and farmers can make money. Sometimes a black sheep is born. The black wool is useless since it cannot be dyed. The farmers are disappointed with the birth of black sheep

There was a tradition of flying blue flags when a captain or an officer died on a ship. It was a way to express sadness.

feel blue

see red

black sheep

green thumb

in the pink

white elephant

In ancient Siam, finding a white elephant was rare. It was so highly prized that it was not allowed to work. Taking care of it was expensive. The kings ended up gifting it to folks they didn't like knowing it would ruin them financially.

in 1500s, pink wasn't even a colour. It referred to the dianthus flower. Since it was considered the pinnacle of flower design, the term, "in the pink," became known to be in one's most excellent form.



Algae growing outside earthenware pots can stain a person's fingers green if he or she handles enough pots. Hence, a person working with flower pots can get green fingers.



## Form sentences

### White elephant

The luxurious car is a white elephant to Johnny

#### Reason:

because he can't drive

#### Put them together:

The luxurious car is a white elephant because he can't drive

### Feel blue

Heather began to feel blue

#### Reason:

ever since she saw her poor math results

#### Put them together:

Heather began to feel blue ever since she saw her poor math results

1. feel blue

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2. see red

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3. black sheep

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4. green thumb

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5. in the pink

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6. white elephant

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**BONUS ROUND:**

**Match them!**

To see red

in the pink

black sheep

white  
elephant

feel blue

green thumb

to be good at  
gardening

to feel sad

something that  
requires a lot of  
maintenance -  
'taking care of'

to feel angry

the odd one out  
in a group

To be in the top  
condition of  
health



**MATCH WITH THE CORRECT MEANINGS**

Caught red handed

White lie

blue-blooded

yellow-bellied

midas touch

green - eyed monster

|                                                                  |                                                                   |                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a person with the 'luck' to win anything he or she wants         | scaredy-cat                                                       | caught in the action of doing a crime |
| an innocent lie you say when you want to hurt someone's feelings | someone who is from a noble or royal family. Related to the kings | a very envious person                 |