

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

Which action is the strongest evidence that Scrooge's transformation is more than a promise?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Scrooge proves the change in public
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Stave Five · The End of It
START	He dressed himself 'all in his best,' and at last got out into the streets.
END	Wonderful party, wonderful games, wonderful unanimity, won-der-ful happiness!
PASSAGE ID	sec-acc-04

THE MOVE

Test character change against action

WHY THIS PASSAGE

The transformed Scrooge is surrounded by chances to act differently in public, where nobody can mistake good intentions for actual change. The lesson works because students can compare several concrete behaviors and decide which one most strongly proves the new identity.

MARK

Number Scrooge's changed actions in the order they occur. Beside each one, write whether it costs him money, pride, time, or nothing. Star the action that would be hardest for the old Scrooge to perform.

NOTICE

- Which actions could be performed simply to look generous, and which require a deeper change in habit?
- How does Scrooge behave toward people who once irritated or embarrassed him?
- Which single action gives the strongest evidence that the transformation will last beyond Christmas morning?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Which action is the strongest evidence that Scrooge's transformation is more than a promise? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Which action is the strongest evidence that Scrooge's transformation is more than a promise? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	The strongest proof is an action that costs Scrooge something and would have been especially difficult for his former self—generosity, public warmth, humility, or sustained care. A strong answer should compare candidate actions rather than simply name one.
EVIDENCE	Choose one action and explain its cost in money, pride, time, or habit. Compare it with at least one weaker alternative that could be dismissed as temporary Christmas enthusiasm.
WATCH FOR	Do not choose an action merely because it is dramatic. The best evidence is the act that most clearly contradicts the old Scrooge's established habits.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. **MARK** - Number Scrooge's changed actions in the order they occur. Beside each one, write whether it costs him money, pride, time, or nothing. Star the action that would be hardest for the old Scrooge to perform.
2. **NOTICE** - Which actions could be performed simply to look generous, and which require a deeper change in habit? How does Scrooge behave toward people who once irritated or embarrassed him? Which single action gives the strongest evidence that the transformation will last beyond Christmas morning?
3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: Which action is the strongest evidence that Scrooge's transformation is more than a promise?
4. **WRITE** - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.