***A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens**

Improvement Tasks

**Using ‘shows’ to make a judgement:**

1. Scrooge’s treatment of Bob Cratchit shows… (4)
2. Scrooge’s ill-tempered conversation with Fred shows… (5)
3. Scrooge’s refusal to donate money to ‘the poor and destitute’ shows… (9)
4. Scrooge’s view that the ghost of Jacob Marley is a ‘dreadful apparition’ shows… (21)
5. Scrooge’s inability to say ‘Humbug!’ at the end of Stave One shows… (27)

**Using ‘because’ to make a connection between cause and effect:**

1. It becomes clear that the sight of the ‘solitary child’ upsets Scrooge because… (35)
2. Scrooge is full of joy when he sees ‘old Fezziwig’ because… (41)
3. Belle speaks ‘softly’ to Scrooge because… (46)

**Using ‘despite’ to establish a contrast:**

1. Despite Fred’s ‘cheerful’ greeting, Scrooge… (5)
2. Despite the ‘portly gentlemen’ emphasising the importance of charity, Scrooge… (9)
3. Despite ‘cracking jokes’ in front of Marley’s ghost, Scrooge… (20)

**Using ‘before’ to sequence an idea:**

1. Before the ‘ghostly’ image of Marley appears on the door knocker, Dickens describes… (13)
2. Before the Ghost of Jacob Marley appears for the second time, Dickens describes… (17)
3. Before The Ghost of Christmas Past appears, Dickens describes… (30)

**Using ‘above all’ to emphasise a point:**

1. Above all, Bob Cratchit is presented as…
2. Above all, Fred is presented as…
3. Above all, the Ghost of Jacob Marley is presented as…
4. Above all, Belle is presented as…