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# Amplify It!

Amplification means expanding or embellishing (amplifying) a sentence or statement by adding additional information. Amplification is sometimes used by writers to provide information about a character. For example, in the passage below from the novel *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens uses amplification to convey just how miserly Scrooge is.

Oh! but he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, Scrooge! a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster. The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek, stiffened his gait; made his eyes red, his thin lips blue; and spoke out shrewdly in his grating voice. A frosty rime was on his head, and on his eyebrows, and his wiry chin. He carried his own low temperature always about with him; he iced his office in the dog-days; and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas.

Identify the main character trait of your character: \_\_\_\_\_

Write one short sentence that tell the reader that your character has that trait.

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Now use amplification to provide additional information to the reader.

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