

**Figurative Language in *A Christmas Carol***  
**Stave 5**

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**Paraphrase** – To restate someone’s ideas in your own words.

**Directions:** Read the quotations given below. Decide which of the following types of figurative language are being used: hyperbole, personification, simile, metaphor, idiom, or onomatopoeia. Then paraphrase the quotation **in your own words using complete sentences.**

Quotation		Type of Figurative Language	Paraphrase
Example	“... nothing between a baby and a rhinoceros would have astonished him [Scrooge] very much.”	hyperbole	Even if something really amazing appeared, at this point, Scrooge would not be surprised.
1.	“I am <i>as light as a feather</i> , I am <i>as happy as an angel</i> , I am <i>as merry as a schoolboy</i> .” (p. 114)		
2.	“Really . . . it was a splendid laugh, a most illustrious laugh. <i>The father of a long, long line of brilliant laughs!</i> ” (p. 114)		
3.	“I don’t know how long I have been among the Spirits. I don’t know anything. <i>I’m quite a baby.</i> ” (p. 114)		
4.	“He [Scrooge] was checked in his transports by the churches ringing out the lustiest peals he had ever heard. <i>Clash, clash, hammer; ding, dong, bell!</i> ” (p. 115)		

5.	“The boy was off like a shot.” (p. 116)		
6.	“It’s twice the size of Tiny Tim.” (p. 116)		
7.	“As he stood there, waiting his arrival, <i>the knocker caught his eye.</i> ” (p. 116)		
8.	“It was a turkey! He never could have stood upon his legs, that bird. He would have snapped ‘em short off in a minute, <i>like sticks of sealing wax.</i> ” (p. 116)		
9.	“Thankee,” said Scrooge. “I am much obliged to you. <i>I thank you fifty times.</i> Bless you!” (p. 118)		
10.	“ <i>His own heart laughed,</i> and that was quite enough for him.” (p. 122)		