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Anger To Ache Answer Key

1. Leo's tone shifts from irritation to brief vulnerability, then back to anger mixed with hurt.
2. The shift occurs in lines like "I thought you'd—Never mind" and "Guess I'll just celebrate by myself."
3. The first change is caused by disappointment that his achievement wasn't recognized; the second by frustration that his parents keep making excuses.
4. The tone shifts show that Leo's anger hides a desire for attention and emotional connection.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Builds student awareness of **tone shifts** as reflections of character emotion and subtext.
- **Before Reading:** Review examples of tone words (angry, hopeful, sarcastic, hurt, etc.) and discuss how tone can change mid-scene.
- **During Reading:** Have students read aloud, changing their voice as Leo's tone shifts to emphasize emotion.
- **After Reading:** Lead a discussion about how tone changes can reveal what a character truly feels beneath their words.
- **Extension Idea:** Students write a new paragraph continuing the dinner scene, showing another tone shift in a different family member's dialogue.