

## Predicting Character Change Answer Key

**Note:** Predictions will vary, but they must be **reasonable and supported with evidence** from the passage. Sample answers below model strong responses.

### 1. Choices Leah faces:

- Auditioning for the play despite her nerves.
- Running away to avoid embarrassment.

### 2. Sample Prediction (What Leah will do next):

Leah will likely take a deep breath and perform her audition because she practiced so much. The mention of her preparation suggests she wants to prove herself.

### 3. Prediction of Character Growth:

If Leah auditions, she may become more confident and proud of herself, even if she doesn't get the lead role. She may learn that courage comes from trying, not just succeeding.

### 4. Alternative Path:

If Leah runs away, she might feel regret and disappointment for not using her hard work. This could lead to a story about missed opportunities or second chances instead of growth through bravery.

### Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to see **both the immediate prediction** (next action) and the **longer-term character path** (how choices shape growth).
- Highlight how authors use **internal conflict** (fear vs. desire) to build suspense.
- A useful extension: let students write two alternate short continuations (one for each possible choice) and compare outcomes.