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# Classroom Cereal

Story 4

Part 4 of 5

## “Squirm Worms”

### Part 4 of 5: Two Holiday Wishes

The next morning, Mr. Nitman’s holiday wish came true.

“Attention, students and staff,” Principal Mellon’s voice scratched through the loudspeaker. “Squirm Worms are no longer permitted at Fairview Middle School. It pains me to say it, but those cute little bugs have proven themselves dangerous. As I saw yesterday, their adorable dancing can cause destruction if they get too close to chemicals. Please don’t bring Squirm Worms to school anymore. And please never dance near chemicals. That is all.”

That afternoon, Mr. Nitman practically skipped to his car. In the parking lot, he ran into Mrs. Fincher, Eric’s mother. Eric was one of Mr. Nitman’s best students.”








“Oh, Mr. Nitman,” Mrs. Fincher said. “I’m just coming from Principal Mellon’s office. Eric told me about the new Squirm Worm rule. He is devastated. You see, a Squirm Worm is all Eric wants for Christmas. He says he’s just about the only boy in school without one and, well, he’s felt left out. I was hoping Principal Mellon might lift the ban so Eric’s Christmas won’t be so disappointing.”

Mr. Nitman’s heart sank. As his holiday wish came true, Eric Fincher’s was ruined.

#### Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

#### Key

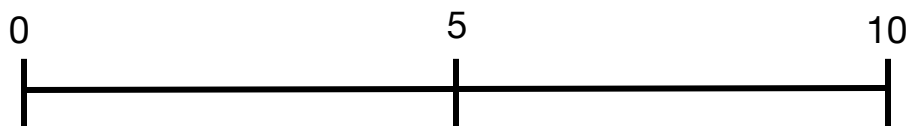
-  - Spelling error
-  - Add punctuation
-  - Capitalize letter
-  - Remove word
-  - Wrong word
-  - Move word
-  - Make letter lower case

#### Checklist

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

### Scrooge Scale

Deep down, how much of a Scrooge is Mr. Nitman?



*Kind and caring*

*Totally heartless*

#### Question

Based on your answer for the Scrooge Scale, how do you think this story will end?