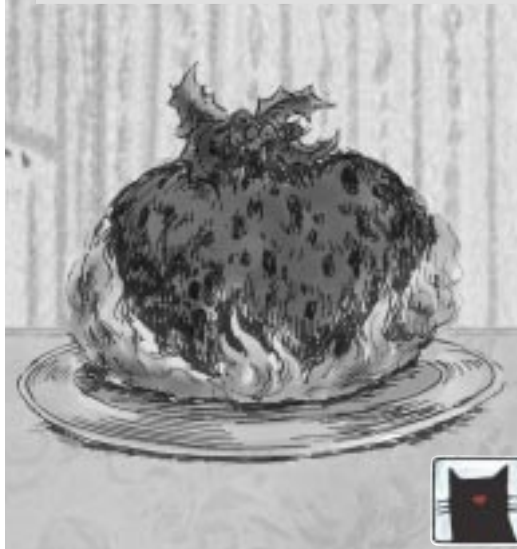




**Charles Dickens**

# *A Christmas Carol*

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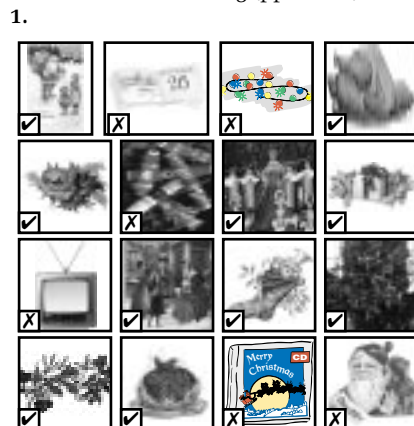


# A Christmas Carol

## Chapter One (pp. 7-9)

1. **a** T **b** T **c** F – It sold 6,000 copies in 24 hours **d** F – They had an extra day's holiday **e** T
2. **b** 5 **c** 6 **d** 2 **e** 1 **f** 4
3. Open-ended
4. **b** 5 and **c** 1 because **d** 2 then **e** 6 but **f** 4 and
5. **e** **f** **g**
6. Open-ended

## The Christmas Stocking (pp. 23-24)



(pp. 18-21)

1. **b** T **c** F – Scrooge didn't spend/never spent a lot of money **d** F – People didn't like Scrooge **e** F – Bob Cratchit and Fred were poor **f** T **g** T **h** T **i** F – Scrooge didn't give them any money **j** F – Marley died on December 24th **k** T **l** T

2. **a** clever **b** dead **c** mean **d** thin, white...hard **e** cold...foggy **f** dark **g** small **h** angry **i** lazy

3. A

adjective	comparative
small	smaller
thin	thinner
mean	meaner
foggy	foggier
lazy	lazier
clever	cleverer
red	redder
rich	richer
happy	happier
fat	fatter

- B **a** foggier **b** redder **c** richer **d** fatter **e** smaller

## Chapter Two (pp. 33-40)

1. **a** He was going into the house/putting his key in the door **b** Because he wanted to see if anybody was there/in the room **c** In the fire **d** Because it began to move **e** It was something coming towards his door/a noise of metal like chains **f** 1 face 2 clothes 3 boots **g** When he was alive **h** Because when he was alive, he stayed in his office and made money **i** There was still hope/ Scrooge still had a chance. Scrooge would see 3 ghosts **j** Because he could see and hear a lot of ghosts outside **k** It wanted to help a woman and her baby outside in the cold **l** Because he believed that he had really seen Marley's Ghost

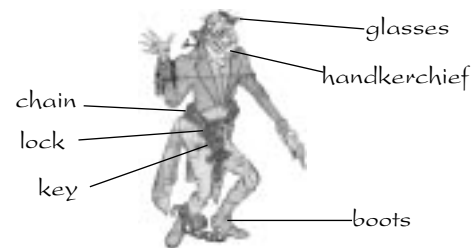
2. **A** **a** He was a good businessman and he made a lot of money **b** He didn't walk/never walked out of his office **c** He stayed away from other people **d** He didn't do anything good and he didn't help others **e** He lived with his eyes closed. He didn't see the poor and hungry people
- B** **a** He can't rest and he can't find (any) peace **b** His spirit must walk after he is dead, but it cannot share the happiness of living people **c** He wears a chain and he is a prisoner

3. **a** on **b** under/in **c** in front of **d** above/on **e** in **f** round **g** out of

4. **a** went up **b** put on **c** came into **d** sat down **e** fell out of/took off **f** stayed away

5. A7 B6 C4 D5 E8 F2 G3 H1

6. A



- B** **a** body **b** long **c** cash-boxes (keys, locks) **d** cold/dead **e** handkerchief/chin **f** were up in his hair

7. **a** had a chain round its body **b** he was very frightened **c** he loved money **d** travelled to many places but it was a prisoner **e** he didn't want to see the ghosts **f** would come at one o'clock

8. **1** Scrooge saw Marley's face in the door knocker **2** Scrooge saw Marley's face in the fire **3** The bell began to move **4** All the bells in the house began to ring **5** Scrooge heard a noise like chains **6** Marley's Ghost came into the room **7** The Ghost shook its chains with a terrible cry **8** The Ghost took off the handkerchief **9** The Ghost told Scrooge that three spirits would visit him **10** Scrooge saw a lot of ghosts outside his window

9. Open-ended

## The Christmas Stocking

1.

Time /	sixteenth century.
Place	Christmas Day Calgarth Hall, Lake District
People	Myles Phillipson / Kraster and Dorothy Cook
Ghost	two skulls appeared on the stairs
Reason	the spirits of Kraster and Dorothy wanted to frighten Phillipson, so that he wouldn't forget what he had done / said at the trial

2.

Time /	Christmas Eve
Place	Sandringham, Norfolk
People	The British Royal Family / The Servants
Ghost	throws Christmas cards into the air pulls sheets from beds
Reason	

3. **A** a large/kind b weak c thin  
 d poor e angry f small g loud  
 h thin, hungry, poor, ugly, cold
- B** a poor b thin c small d weak  
 e loud f ugly
4. a his b theirs c hers d yours/mine  
 e ours
5. a doesn't/Fred b don't/Fred's wife  
 c doesn't/Fred d don't/ Fred's wife  
 e doesn't/Fred f doesn't/the Ghost  
 g don't/Mrs Cratchit
6. b had c didn't know d ate e didn't  
 have f saw g didn't hold
7. a Martha b Mrs Cratchit c Belinda  
 d Mrs Cratchit e Tiny Tim f Peter  
 g Bob h Mrs Cratchit
8. A The Ghost of Christmas Present/  
 Mr Fezziwig

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- a 1 b 4 c 6 d 5 e 2 f 3

**Chapter Five** (pp. 92-6)

1. a it wore black and it was silent  
 b were not sad that Scrooge was dead  
 c who the two rich businessmen were  
 talking about d bought and sold  
 things e were selling Scrooge's  
 things f wanted Scrooge to look at  
 the dead man's face g asked his  
 children to remember Tiny Tim  
 h to a cemetery i if men could  
 change the future j nothing
2. a Who/Scrooge b When/seven years  
 ago c Why/Because Tiny Tim was  
 dead d Where/In a poor part of the  
 city e What/His grave! f How/Very  
 frightened

3. 1 will you change 2 will be 3 won't  
 4 won't say 5 will give 6 will  
 7 will be 8 won't be 9 will  
 10 won't say 11 will 12 won't  
 forget 13 won't 14 will live

**4. A**

- a. dangerous → the most  
 dangerous
- b. long → the longest
- c. red → the reddest
- d. heavy → the heaviest
- e. poor → the poorest
- f. fat → the fattest
- g. rich → the richest
- h. frightening → the most  
 frightening
- i. dirty → the dirtiest
- j. expensive → the most  
 expensive
- k. cold → the coldest
- l. selfish → the most selfish
- m. ugly → the ugliest
- n. important → the most  
 important
- o. dark → the darkest
- p. terrible → the most  
 terrible

- B** a the most frightening  
 b the fattest c the richest/the most  
 important d the poorest (the most  
 dangerous/the dirtiest)  
 e the darkest...dirtiest f the most  
 selfish g the most expensive h the  
 most terrible

5. a 5 b 1 c 6 d 3 e 4 f 2

6. Open-ended

3.

Time /	Christmas, 1975
Place	Popjoy's restaurant, Bath
People	a customer
Ghost	a lady in old-fashioned clothes sat next to customer and vanished
Reason	

**Chapter Three** (pp. 55-60)

1. b 17 c 7 d 1 e 13 f 18 g 2 h 12  
 i 15 j 5 k 10 l 3 m 8 n 4 o 9  
 p 16 q 14 r 6

2. b all his old feelings about the place  
 c suddenly happy d he knew that  
 the boy was himself...the poor  
 boy/carol singer any money  
 e the conversation with his nephew  
 Fred f He laughed and sang...his  
 clerk Bob Cratchit g He didn't want  
 to..., ...to take him home h ...he  
 didn't have a wife and daughter/a  
 family...the spirit to take him  
 away/back

3. A b1 c5 d6 e2 f4

- B** b Scrooge and the Ghost were  
 standing on the road when Scrooge  
 suddenly recognised where he was  
 c When the boys came out of the  
 school, they were laughing and  
 singing d Scrooge was walking  
 sadly up and down the classroom  
 when Fanny ran in e When  
 Scrooge saw the young Belle, she  
 was crying f When Belle's  
 daughter was playing with the  
 children, the father came in

4. a standing b is snowing  
 c is looking d is wearing  
 e is holding f are talking

5. a Has b Are/am c Are/I'm not  
 d Is/Yes, she is e have/Yes, he did  
 f Is/Yes, he is g Are/Yes, they are  
 h Has/Yes, he has
6. c He played a violin d OK e OK  
 f OK g It finished at 11 o'clock  
 h He laughed (and sang)  
 i He wanted to speak to his clerk/Bob  
 Cratchit
7. 1 I had a sister 2 Fanny 3 No. She  
 was younger than me 4 Yes, she was  
 5 No, I wasn't 6 Because I didn't  
 have any friends and I was frightened  
 of the teacher 7 My first job was in  
 an office in London and my boss was  
 Mr Fezziwig 8 He was a fat, happy  
 man, and he was generous and kind  
 9 Yes. Her name was Belle  
 10 She married and had a lot of  
 children

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- 1e 2c

**Chapter Four** (pages 73-78)

1. a 6 b 13 c 2 d 9 e 8 i 14 j 3  
 l 4 m 11 n 12

2. **A** 1 Bob Cratchit 2 Martha  
 3 The Cratchit children 4 Scrooge  
 5 Bob Cratchit 6 Fred's wife  
 7 The Ghost 8 Scrooge

- B** 1 Because Tiny Tim couldn't  
 walk/was a cripple 2 She was  
 helping to prepare the Christmas  
 dinner 4 He didn't want Tiny  
 Tim to die 5 Because Mrs Cratchit  
 didn't want to drink to Scrooge  
 6 She guessed/knew the  
 answer/who Fred was thinking of  
 7 He had only fifteen minutes left to  
 live/His life was going to end in  
 fifteen minutes 8 Because the two  
 children looked so terrible

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- 1 Monmouth Street  
2 1 b 2 a 3 c 4 c 5 b 6 b

**Chapter Six** (pp. 110-18)

- 1 Scrooge jumped out of bed  
2 He thanked Jacob Marley and put on his clothes 3 He felt very happy because he could still change the future 4 He danced into the sitting-room and opened the window  
5 He asked a boy in the street to go and buy a turkey 6 He sent it to Bob Cratchit 7 Then he went into the street and spoke to two gentlemen  
8 They were very surprised because he wanted to give lots of money to the poor 9 In the afternoon he went to eat at his nephew's house  
10 Next morning he told Bob he was going to give him more money
2. a was bright and sunny (cold)  
b Scrooge asked him what day it was  
c looked at people with a happy smile d come to his office the next day e was in the dining-room/was happy to see Scrooge/had a wonderful time f went to his room and started to work fast g Scrooge said, "I'm going to give you a bigger salary." h he had changed/was a better man
3. a as cold as b as big as c as fast as  
d as light as e as poor as

4. A

-ed	irregular
kissed	went
answered	wrote
jumped	sold
started	felt
looked	spoke
shouted	knew
laughed	gave
cried	sent
changed	saw
arrived	put
danced	rang
watched	thought
	bought

- B a rang b jumped/put  
c laughed/cried d sent e gave  
f bought g spoke h kissed/felt

5. a away b out of c away d down  
e on f towards g off/out of h out of  
i up/down/in j away k into l up  
m off

6. A

	looked	was	had
Marley's Ghost	sad	old	boots, chain, handkerchief, round face, cold eyes
First Spirit	young	small old and young strange	long white hair / white clothes with summer flowers / holly in its hand
Second Spirit	young happy	large	kind, gentle eyes / a torch / holly round its long dark hair
Third Spirit	mysterious frightening	tall silent (fright.)	long, black clothes and a black hood long white hands

**B-C Open-ended**

7. A 1 Eh? 2 It's Christmas Day  
3 Of course 4 You mean the one as big as me? 5 No, it's still there
- B 1 How do you do, my dear sirs! A Merry Christmas to you!  
2 Yes, that's my name and perhaps you don't like me. Please excuse me for yesterday. Listen... 3 Of course! Can you do me that favour?  
4 Don't say anything. Come and see me tomorrow. I'll give it to you then. All right?
8. A 1 old 2 didn't like 3 unkind  
4 stayed 5 Eve 6 ghost 7 partner  
8 chain 9 rest 10 money 11 three  
12 First 13 Past 14 schoolboy  
15 office 16 work/working  
17 generous 18 party 19 fiancée  
20 loved 21 later 22 sad  
23 didn't have 24 clerk 25 poor  
26 dinner 27 drank 28 die  
29 nephew 30 enjoy 31 children  
32 cold 33 shocked  
34 prisons/workhouses  
35 workhouses/prisons

**B Open-ended**

**The Christmas Stocking**

1. Manchester: Dickens visited some schools for poor children and the idea for 'A Christmas Carol' came to him  
The Streets: He created the story while he was walking in the streets at night  
Mr Micawber: A character in 'David Copperfield' who Dickens 'saw' in the street  
Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit: wanted him to continue writing the story of their lives  
The names of Dickens's characters:

important because they gave life to his characters.  
The name Scrooge: is now part of the English language, used to describe someone who never spends any money.

2. A 'Dickensian' Christmas : snow, bright fires, decorations, trees, lots of good food and drink, presents, carols, games and pantomimes. Everybody is kind and happy.  
*Dicken's Christmas* : a special time for children, he invented lots of games, organised music, dancing, singing and conjuring tricks.  
*Christmas in Dicken's time* : a day of rest, Christmas lunch, some games and music.  
*Christmas today* : commercialised, big business, people spend a lot of money, they watch T.V.

# E X I T     T E S T

## Contest

- a. What is a carol?
- b. Who wrote *A Christmas Carol*?
- c. When and where was he born?
- d. What do you remember of his life?
- e. What sort of novel is *A Christmas Carol*? A comic novel, a sentimental novel, a social novel?
- f. What other works of his do you remember?

## Comprehension

- a. What do you remember about the main character, his job, his personality?
- b. At what point of the story does the narration of events start ?
- c. What time of year is it?
- d. What is Scrooge's attitude to the festivities and why does he behave so?
- e. Who first appears to him and what does he pre-announce?

## Interpretation

### Explain

- a. who the three visions are and what they look like. Try to interpret why they are described so.
- b. if Scrooge is popular with people and why / why not.
- c. which character/s may be considered Scrooge's counterpart/s.
- d. why Dickens chose Christmas as the narration time of the story.
- e. if you consider the story old fashioned, modern, boring, interesting and why.

## Memory

Who said:

- a. "A merry Christmas, uncle!"
- b. "Bah! Humbug!"
- c. "I am here tonight to tell you something. There is still hope for you, Ebenezer."
- d. "Dear, dear brother... I've come to bring you home!"
- e. "It's Christmas Eve, boys! We must celebrate! Let's stop work and close the office."
- f. "You love something more than me, Ebenezer."
- g. "Drink to that hard old miser! What are you saying, Robert Cratchit?"
- h. "When he was alive he frightened people and they hated him. So we get the profits now that he's dead."
- i. "A merry Christmas, Bob! This will be your happiest Christmas! Yes, I'm going to give you a lot more money and I'm going to help your poor family."

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