

# A Christmas Carol

Adapted from Charles Dickens's original *Ghost Story of Christmas*

**THESE ARE SUGGESTED ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ON EACH CHAPTER;  
OTHER CORRECT ANSWERS MAY BE AVAILABLE!**

## Chapter 1 – Marley's Ghost - Questions on the text

Who is who?

1. On a separate piece of paper, write five sentences explaining who each of the following characters is (or are):
  - Jacob Marley **was Scrooge's business partner.**
  - Fred **is Scrooge's nephew.**
  - Bob Cratchit **is the clerk in Scrooge's office.**
  - Scrooge **was a stingy and heartless old man.**
  - The two gentlemen **are collecting money for charity.**
2. Find a synonym for each of these words in the text.

spirit	<b>ghost</b>
next	<b>then</b>
start	<b>begin</b>
happy	<b>cheerful</b>
at once	<b>immediately</b>
shut	<b>close</b>

## Chapter 2 – The First of the Three Spirits - Questions on the text

Complete the sentences according to the text.

- When Scrooge was a boy, he **played with other children.** .....
- Belle left Scrooge because **he loved gold more than he loved her.** .....
- When Marley was dying, Scrooge **shut the office and sat alone with a candle.** .....

Make adjectives out of the nouns or nouns out of the adjectives.

(You'll find the words in the text.)

<b>noun</b>	<b>adjective</b>
happiness	<b>happy</b>
beauty	<b>beautiful</b>
<b>comfort</b>	comfortable
<b>warmth</b>	warm
<b>heart</b>	hearty

### Chapter 3 – The Second of the Three Spirits - Questions on the text

Complete the sentences according to the text.

- Scrooge's clerk **is called Bob Cratchit**.
- Tiny Tim **wears an iron frame round his leg and uses a crutch to help him walk**.
- Scrooge **was shocked to see the poor children, Ignorance and Want**.

**Homonyms** are words with the same spelling and sound, but a different meaning.

Find the homonym words in the text.

meaning 1	meaning 2	word
a measure of time	a certain ordinal number	<b>second</b>
the time now	something you give at Christmas	<b>present</b>
a supernatural being	a certain kind of energy or feeling	<b>spirit</b>
to lose life	a cube you use in boardgames	<b>die</b>
the form of something	any number between 1 and 9	<b>figure</b>

### Chapter 4 – The Last of the Spirits - Questions on the text

Answer the questions according to the text.

- Who owned the things that the thieves have now? **Scrooge**
- Why is the Cratchit family so sad? **Because Tiny Tim has died**
- What does Scrooge promise the ghost? **He will live in the past, the present, and the future and remember the lessons the ghosts have taught him.**

Find the opposite for each word in the text.

quickly	<b>slowly</b>
cried	<b>laughed</b>
dead	<b>alive</b>
happy	<b>sad</b>
seldom	<b>often</b>
grew	<b>shrunk</b>

## Chapter 5 – The End of It - Questions on the text

According to the text, are these statements true or false?

- The three ghosts have visited Scrooge in the same night. **True**
- Scrooge buys a big turkey for Fred's family. **False** (he buys the Turkey for Bob's family)
- Scrooge celebrates Christmas with his nephew. **True**
- The day after Christmas Day, Scrooge is angry with Bob Cratchit because he is late for work. **False**
- In the end, Scrooge still thinks that Christmas is 'humbug'. **False**

Find a word in the text for each of the definitions given below.

a heavenly being with wings	<b>angel</b>
the day before today	<b>yesterday</b>
a place where people go to pray	<b>church</b>
a place where people live	<b>house</b>
the money people get for the work they do	<b>salary</b>
the early part of the day	<b>morning</b>

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