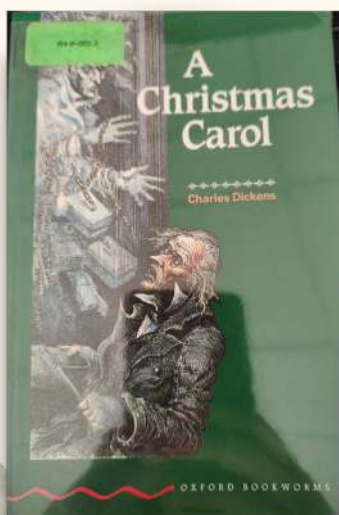




# **A Christmas of Carol**

**Charles Dickens**

## **ACTIVITY BOOK**



# Excercises



A Checking your understanding

## CHAPTER 1 WHO SAID THESE WORDS IN THE STORY, TO WHOM?

- 1 'You're too rich to be unhappy.'
- 2 'I'll see you dead first!'
- 3 'It's only once a year, sir.'
- 4 I am here tonight to warn you.'

## CHAPTER 2 ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F)?

- 1 Nothing happened when the clock struck one.
- 2 Scrooge's eyes were wet because he had a cold.
- 3 Like old Fezziwig, Scrooge was a good, kind employer.
- 4 The girl who used to love Scrooge married another man.


## CHAPTER 3 WHO IN THE STORY...

- 1 ... held his torch over people's Christmas dinners?
- 2 ... arrived home late from work on Christmas Day?
- 3 .. had not walked since he was born?
- 4... earned fifteen shillings a week?
- 5 played a game called Yes and No?

## CHAPTER 4 WRITE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

- 1 What did Scrooge learn from the businessmen's conversations?
- 2 Why did the three women take things from their dead employer?
- 3 Why were the Cratchit family so sad?
- 4 What was the name on the gravestone in the lonely churchyard?

## CHAPTER 5 HOW MUCH CAN YOU REMEMBER? CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.

- 1 What did Scrooge send to Bob Cratchit on Christmas morning?
  - 2 Where did Scrooge eat Christmas dinner?
  - 3 What time did Bob Cratchit arrive for work the next morning?
  - 4 How much did Scrooge say he would pay Bob Cratchit in future?
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# Exercises

## B WORKING WITH LANGUAGE

**1 PUT TOGETHER THESE BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS OF SENTENCES. CHECK YOUR ANSWERS IN CHAPTER 1.**

- 1 It is important to remember
- 2 Dogs used to hide in doorways
- 3 Scrooge had a very small fire,
- 4 Christmas is just a time
- 5 Darkness was cheap,
- 6 The fog covered everything,
- 7 when they saw him coming. 8 like a thick grey blanket.
- 9 and Scrooge liked it.
- 10 that Jacob Marley was dead.
- 11 when you spend too much.
- 12 but Bob's fire was much smaller.

**2 COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH INFORMATION FROM CHAPTER 3.**

- 1 Although the Cratchits' Christmas dinner was very poor,...
- 2 The Cratchit family only owned two glasses and a cup so...
- 3 Tiny Tim will die before next Christmas if...
- 4 When Scrooge heard his own unkind words spoken by the spirit,...
- 5 Fred thought that his uncle was a strange old man, but..
- 6 Fred planned to invite Scrooge every Christmas because

## C ACTIVITIES

1 Describe the three spirits as well as you can. What did they look like, and what were their characters like? Which spirit do you think helped Scrooge to change the most, and why?

2 You are Scrooge's nephew, Fred. Write a letter to a friend, describing the Christmas Day when Uncle Scrooge came to dinner for the first time.

3 You are a newspaper reporter. Write a report describing Scrooge's surprising change of character: his new kindness to poor people and his earlier meanness. You could begin like this:

What has happened to Mr Ebenezer Scrooge? Last Christmas he didn't give a penny to the poor, but this year...

# Glossary

carol: a special song which people sing at Christmas

cheerful: looking or sounding happy

Christmas Eve: 24th December, the day before Christmas Day

clerk: someone who works in an office, writing letters, etc.

delight: a pleased and happy feeling

delighted: very pleased and happy

extinguisher: a thing shaped like a tall hat, which you put on a

candle: to stop it burning

fog: a thick mist that stops you seeing clearly

foggy: very misty

frost: a thin white cover of ice on the ground in very cold weather; (on page 2, Scrooge's white hair and cold heart)

gentleman: a man of good family, usually rich

God bless you!: people used to say this when they liked someone or were grateful to them

humbug nonsense, silly ideas, dishonest or untrue words

kiss: to touch someone lovingly with your lips

merry: happy, cheerful

partner: someone who owns a business with another person

point: to show with your finger or arm where something is

present the time now (not past, or future)

shilling: a coin in old British money (equal to five pence today)

spirit: the ghost of a dead person, or a kind of 'person' without a living body

stare: to look hard at something or someone for a long time

strike (past tense struck) (of a clock) to tell the hour, half hour, or quarter hour by sounding a bell

tiny: very small