Characters appearing in *A Christmas Carol*

EBENEZER SCROOGE

The miserly owner of a London counting-house. The three spirits of Christmas visit him in the hope of persuading him to change his cold-hearted approach to life.

JACOB MARLEY

Scrooge's avaricious partner, who died seven years before the story opens. Marley's ghost appears to Scrooge and urges him to change his miserly ways.

BOB CRATCHIT

Scrooge's clerk, a kind, mild and very poor man with a large family.

MRS CRATCHIT

Bob Cratchit's wife.

PETER CRATCHIT

Bob Cratchit's eldest son.

MARTHA CRATCHIT

Bob Cratchit's eldest daughter, who works in a milliner's shop.

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST

The first spirit to visit Scrooge. A childlike apparition who shows Scrooge scenes from Christmases in his past.

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The second spirit to visit Scrooge. A majestic giant who shows Scrooge the Christmas celebrations of his contemporaries.-

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME

The third and final spirit to visit Scrooge. A silent phantom who presents Scrooge with an ominous vision of his lonely death.

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