

## A Christmas Carol

### Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a Merry b past, workhouse c candle d fog  
e coal f ghost g Poor h clerk i prison  
j chain
- 3 a poor people b Bob Cratchit c Fred  
d Scrooge e Marley's ghost f Scrooge
- 4 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✓ e ✓ f ✗ g ✓ h ✓  
i ✓
- 5–6 Open answers
- 7 a The Ghost of Past Christmases b young Scrooge  
c Scrooge's sister d Fred e Scrooge's first boss  
f Dick Wilkins g the love of money h Scrooge
- 8 a hears b remembers c comes d wants  
e takes f looks g shows h feels
- 9–10 Open answers
- 11 a 6 b Martha c Tiny Tim  
d hot wine with fruit e goose f He is very ill.  
g 'Humbug!' h Yes and No i Scrooge  
j nothing
- 12 a red b green c grey d brown e grey
- 13–15 Open answers
- 16 a 8 b 3 c 5 d 1 e 4 f 2 g 10 h 6  
i 7 j 9
- 17–18 Open answers
- 19 a 'What's today?' b for a goose.  
c to Bob Cratchit's house. d 'Come to my office.'  
e to Fred's house. f more money.
- 20 a before b after c after (+ Open answers)
- 21–29 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 Scrooge doesn't have any friends. He has a nephew, Fred, who invites him home for Christmas because he feels sorry for him. Scrooge doesn't go to Fred's party because he thinks that Christmas parties are 'humbug'.
- 3 Marley thinks they are the people who never helped others in life. Open answer.
- 4 Open answers
- 5 Marley is sad because a) he carries a heavy chain with him b) he can see happy people but he cannot laugh with them c) he can see sad people but he cannot cry with them, and d) he cannot stay in one place, he has to go to many sad places.
- 6 Open answers

- 7 Possible answers:  
The ghost may be old because Scrooge is an old man, and he may be young because he may represent Scrooge as a child, or Scrooge's recent past. The light in the ghost may represent past events in Scrooge's life which Scrooge doesn't want to see or remember.
- 8 Possible answers:  
He was very sad. His father wasn't kind to him and he had no friends at school.
- 9–11 Open answers
- 12 Open answers  
Scrooge will be a better person because he is starting to understand that, in the past, he lived in the wrong way.
- 13 Possible answers:  
This ghost is a fat, happy man. He is wearing green and white clothes and he has long brown hair. There are lots of bottles and plates with food near him. The other ghost was a child and an old man at the same time. He was wearing white clothes.
- 14 Open answers
- 15 Possible answers:  
They look like animals because the children don't go to school and because they are very hungry. Scrooge has to learn about what happens in the world and start helping the poor children with his money. The ghost says these words because Scrooge used them with the two men who came to ask for money for the poor in Chapter 1.
- 16 Open answers
- 17 Possible answers:  
They don't like Scrooge. They think he is a cold money-lover.
- 18 Open answers
- 19 Open answers
- 20 By showing Scrooge what will happen when he dies. Open answer.
- 21–22 Open answers
- 23 Open answers
- 24–25 Open answer

### Activity worksheets key

- 1 a 12 b 10 c 8 d 6 e 4 f 2 g 11  
h 9 i 7 k 5 k 3 l l
- 2 'Christmas is a good time – a kind happy time.' (Fred)  
'It's only on Christmas day.' (Bob Cratchit)  
'I made this chain in my life.' (Marley)  
'Humbug.' (Scrooge)

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'Aren't there any workhouses for the poor?'

(Scrooge)

'How much will you give us?' (The two men)

'I sat next to you many times in the days after I died.'

(Marley)

'Why are you here? You're dead.' (Scrooge)

3 Old Fezziwig: a, b and d

Old Scrooge: c and e

4 a, c and f

5 The ghost of Christmas Now **takes** Scrooge to Bob Cratchit's house. There he **sees** his clerk's family for the first time. Mrs Cratchit is wearing her best **clothes**. She is making **dinner** and her son is watching some food on the **fire**. When Bob comes in, he has Tiny Tim, his youngest **son**, on his **back** because the child cannot walk without **help**. Bob puts some **fruit** in the **wine**, his **wife** brings the **goose** from the **kitchen** and they all sit round the Christmas **table**.

6 Possible answers:

a Bob Cratchit: 'He was very good. I think that he's a little stronger.'

b Ghost: 'I can see his chair and nobody is sitting on it.'

c Ghost: My life in this world is very short. It ends tonight.'

d Ghost: 'They are Everybody's.'

e Ghost: 'Aren't there any prisons? Aren't there any workhouses?'

7 a Scrooge b the washerwoman

c the undertaker's man d Mrs Dilber, the cleaner

e Mrs Cratchit f Mr Cratchit

8–9 Open answers

10 a **X** b **X** c **✓** d **X**, he bought a big goose

e **✓** f **✓** g **X**, he had dinner with his nephew Fred

h **X**, he never said 'Humbug' again.

11 Open answers

12	Marley's ghost	A chain made of money boxes
	The ghost of Christmas Past	His past life: when he was a child, when he worked for Mr Fezziwig, when his girlfriend left him.
	The ghost of Christmas Now	Christmas Now in Bob Cratchit's and Fred's house
	The ghost of Future Christmases	What will happen to him when he dies, if he doesn't change

13 Open answers

### Progress test key

1 It was **three** o'clock on a **cold** winter afternoon but it was already dark. There was a thick **fog** in the streets but Scrooge was in his office near a **small** fire. Then his **nephew** Fred came into the office. His face was **red** from the cold outside but it had a **happy** smile. Scrooge didn't understand how his nephew could be happy if he was **poor**. Fred answered that Christmas was a happy time for him. When he left, two **men** came into Scrooge's office. They asked Scrooge for money to buy the poor some **food**. But Scrooge gave them nothing.

2 a **X**, Little Fan was his younger sister.

b **✓**

c **X**, his new love was money.

d **✓**

e **X**, it made him cry to remember his past.

3 a 4 b 2 c 1 d 5 e 3 f 6 g 8 h 7

4 a The washerwoman

b Mrs Dilber, the cleaner – Scrooge

c Old Joe

d the undertaker's man

e Peter – the little Cratchits

f Bob Cratchit – Tiny Tim

g Bob Cratchit – Fred

h Scrooge – the ghost

5 a Because he thought he was with the ghosts for three nights but it was only one night.

b Possible answers:

- Because he wants to help them

- Because he feels happy

- Because he's a changed man

c Possible answers:

- Because it's Christmas Day

- Because he's happy

d Possible answers:

- Because he wants to give them money for the poor

- Because he feels sorry for what he told them the day before

e Because he doesn't know if Fred will want to see him.

f Because he loves his uncle.

g Because he's a changed man and a happy man.