

Before You Read

I. You may have seen a movie based on Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. With a classmate, write as much as you know about each character.

Ebenezer Scrooge

**The Spirit of
Christmas Past**

Bob Cratchit

**The Spirit of
Christmas Present**

Tiny Tim

**The Spirit of
Christmas Future**

Humbug!

II. Look at the pictures. Tell what you think is happening in each. Who are the characters? What are they doing?



a. _____



b. _____



c. _____

III. Read the sentences. Decide if they describe past, present, or future events.

1. Scrooge and the spirit visit the Cratchits. _____
2. Mr. Cratchit toasts Mr. Scrooge. _____
3. Scrooge lies in bed with no blanket. _____
4. The room is decorated for Christmas and is full of food. _____
5. Scrooge and Dick talk after a Christmas party. _____
6. Two women sell Scrooge's clothes. _____
7. Scrooge reads a book and imagines the characters. _____
8. Scrooge's nephew offers to help the Cratchits. _____
9. Scrooge visits the graveyard. _____
10. Scrooge's girlfriend leaves him. _____

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge's clerk and the nephew wished each other a happy Christmas.
- _____ Scrooge's nephew invited Scrooge over for Christmas dinner.
- _____ Scrooge's clerk enjoyed the nephew's take on Christmas.
- _____ Scrooge's clerk tried to keep warm using a candle.
- _____ Scrooge's nephew wished Scrooge a happy Christmas.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following was NOT mentioned as being true about Scrooge?
 - a. His nephew was a member of parliament.
 - b. He mistreated his employees.
 - c. He loved money.
 - d. He had no friends.
2. Why didn't people ask Scrooge the time?
 - a. Because he was so mean
 - b. Because he was so busy
 - c. Because he didn't have a watch
 - d. Because he didn't care about the time
3. What did Scrooge and his nephew argue about?
 - a. What kind of pudding to make
 - b. The bills Scrooge had to pay
 - c. The meaning of Christmas
 - d. Whether the nephew should get married
4. Why did Scrooge think that his clerk was a fool?
 - a. He complained about his wages.
 - b. He was happy even though he was poor.
 - c. He tried to get warm using a candle.
 - d. He enjoyed his nephew's speech.

III. Match the word or phrase with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. heir | • | a. to wish good things for someone |
| 2. generous | • | b. nonsense |
| 3. cold, biting weather | • | c. one who inherits property |
| 4. clerk | • | d. a black rock used for fuel |
| 5. coal | • | e. an office worker |
| 6. imagination | • | f. the ability to think about unreal events |
| 7. humbug | • | g. willing to give |
| 8. pudding | • | h. holy |
| 9. sacred | • | i. a sweet, soft food |
| 10. bless | • | j. weather that is so cold it hurts |

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

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| • foolish for celebrating Christmas | • he was a cold man |
| • invite him to Christmas dinner | • partner had died |
| • warm his hands | • to spend money on coal |

Scrooge was a business owner whose 1 _____ who cared about nothing but money. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge was in his office, which was very cold because he did not want 3 _____. His clerk was trying to 4 _____ using a candle. Scrooge's nephew came to his office to wish him a happy Christmas and to 5 _____. Scrooge said that he thought people were 6 _____ and refused the invitation.

An Uncharitable Man

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Two men visited Scrooge.
 _____ Scrooge's clerk went home to play with his son.
 _____ Scrooge complained about giving his clerk a day off.
 _____ Scrooge refused to donate to the poor.
 _____ A boy sang a Christmas carol.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Scrooge ask the two men about prisons and workhouses?
 a. To show his reasoning for not giving
 b. To show that poor people were better off than him
 c. To suggest that they belonged there
 d. To suggest that they should be improved
2. How did Scrooge react to the caroler?
 a. He cried thinking about when he was a boy.
 b. He complained because he didn't like the song.
 c. He gave him a candy and wished him a merry Christmas.
 d. He scared him away with a stick.
3. Why did Scrooge think that holidays were unfair?
 a. Because when businesses were closed he didn't make any money
 b. Because he had to pay wages even though workers weren't working
 c. Because he had to do twice as much work if his clerk was not there
 d. None of the above
4. On what condition did Scrooge say the clerk could take the day off?
 a. He wouldn't be paid any wages.
 b. He must do twice as much work the following day.
 c. He must come to work early the following day.
 d. He must invite him to his home for Christmas dinner.

Marley's Ghost

III. Circle the correct word.

1. Mr. Scrooge asked if all the (prisons / poisons) were full.
2. Conditions in the (workhouses / workhorses) were terrible.
3. Most people in town were (avoid / afraid) of Mr. Scrooge.
4. The candle is (useful / useless) if we don't have anything to light it with.
5. At Christmastime, people like to decorate their homes with (holy / holly).
6. We go door to door singing Christmas (cards / carols).
7. Everyone was cheerful and (mangy / merry) because the holidays had begun.
8. Much to their (dismay / disarray), he refused to give any money to help the poor.
9. Fast food is (convenient / conventional), but it is unhealthy.
10. Mr. Scrooge paid his employees very low (wedges / wages).

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- to give them anything
- in early the following day
- wanted a holiday on Christmas Day
- to Scrooge's office

Two men came 1 _____. They were looking for donations to help the poor. Scrooge refused 2 _____. Scrooge asked his clerk if he 3 _____. The clerk said that he did. Scrooge complained that it wasn't fair. In the end, Scrooge granted the holiday. But he told him to come 4 _____.

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge fell asleep in his chair.
 _____ Scrooge had dinner at an inn.
 _____ A ghost visited Scrooge.
 _____ A bell started to ring.
 _____ Scrooge thought he saw a hearse.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. What was different about Scrooge's door knocker?
 - a. It looked like Marley's face.
 - b. It was decorated with holly.
 - c. It was broken.
 - d. It was missing.
2. Why did Scrooge like darkness?
 - a. Because he liked to use his imagination
 - b. Because it didn't cost any money
 - c. Because he didn't like to be seen
 - d. Because he liked to scare people
3. What scared Scrooge?
 - a. A candle went out and it was dark.
 - b. The fire was out of control.
 - c. His servant was gone.
 - d. A bell started ringing by itself.
4. What did the ghost of Jacob Marley tell Scrooge?
 - a. That he wasted his life with his concern for money
 - b. That his spirit had visited Scrooge before
 - c. That Scrooge would be visited by three spirits
 - d. All of the above

III. Write the correct word or phrase in each blank.

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| door knocker | pooh pooh | echo | hearse | tiles |
| servant | drag | transparent | affect | tightly |

1. After he thought he imagined Marley's face on his door, Scrooge said, "_____."
2. The image of Marley also appeared on the _____ around Scrooge's fireplace.
3. The _____ arrived at the church carrying the coffin.
4. She hoped she could _____ her brother's decision by telling him her story.
5. The strange image was _____; he could almost see through it.
6. He held _____ to the chains that wrapped around his body.
7. He heard a(n) _____ that repeated down the hallway.
8. She banged the _____, but no one came.
9. He asked his _____ to prepare something special for dinner.
10. Marley had to _____ heavy chains around forever.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- he had wasted his life
- strange things started happening
- not to do the same
- visited by three spirits
- saw Marley's face
- asleep in his chair

Scrooge went home and 1 _____. He 2 _____ and heard strange noises. Then Marley's ghost visited him. He told Scrooge that 3 _____. He warned him 4 _____. Marley told Scrooge then that he would be 5 _____. Scrooge fell 6 _____.

The Spirit of Christmas Past

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge saw his sister as a little girl.
- _____ The spirit led Scrooge through the wall.
- _____ Scrooge told the spirit that his sister had a son.
- _____ Scrooge visited himself as a child.
- _____ Scrooge heard a church bell ringing.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. What was the spirit like?
 - a. The spirit was like a child.
 - b. The spirit was like an old man.
 - c. The spirit was like both a child and an old man.
 - d. The spirit was like none of the above.
2. What did Scrooge ask of the spirit?
 - a. He asked it to put on its cap.
 - b. He asked it to leave him alone.
 - c. He asked it to show him his past.
 - d. He asked it to send for Marley.
3. What did Scrooge regret?
 - a. Not reading more as a child
 - b. Not being nice to the caroler
 - c. Not having more friends
 - d. Not celebrating Christmas
4. Why did Scrooge's sister meet him at his school?
 - a. To take him home
 - b. To give him a message
 - c. To bring him some books
 - d. To tell him she had a son

III. Circle the correct word.

1. When Scrooge (awaked / awoke), it was dark.
2. The clock (strung / struck) one.
3. He could see a (finger / figure) moving towards him in the distance.
4. The spirit's face and skin looked (small / smooth).
5. After the leaves fell, the tree (benches / branches) were bare.
6. We sat at the river's (edge / hedge) with our feet dangling in.
7. The child was punished for her bad (benevolence / behaviour).
8. The spirit said it would (lie / lead) Scrooge on his journey.
9. The tractor pulled a (cart / cage) filled with hay.
10. Before cars, people rode in (coaches / couches).

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- a lot and was imaginative
- him to the boarding school where Scrooge grew up
- very lonely there
- the mother of Scrooge's nephew

The Spirit of Christmas Past visited Scrooge. It took 1 _____

_____. Scrooge was 2 _____

_____. He read 3 _____

_____. One day, Scrooge's sister

came to the school to take him home. She was 4 _____

_____, and she died as a young woman.

A Missed Opportunity

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge visited a Christmas party he had once attended.
- _____ Scrooge found himself back in his bed.
- _____ Scrooge's first boss was sitting at a high table.
- _____ Scrooge saw his old girlfriend with her husband and family.
- _____ Scrooge saw himself and his old girlfriend.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. What was Scrooge's first boss like?
 - a. He was cruel and selfish.
 - b. He was sad and depressed.
 - c. He was happy and generous.
 - d. He was quiet and polite.
2. What did Scrooge and Dick talk about after the party?
 - a. They talked about how their hearts had been broken.
 - b. They talked about how much they hated their jobs.
 - c. They talked about how much fun they had at the party.
 - d. They talked about how they hoped to be rich one day.
3. Why was Scrooge sad after visiting the Christmas party?
 - a. He missed his old boss and his old friend.
 - b. He wished he were still invited to parties.
 - c. He felt bad for how he had treated his clerk.
 - d. He wasn't sad at all.
4. Why was Scrooge's girlfriend crying?
 - a. Because she was leaving Scrooge
 - b. Because Scrooge was leaving her
 - c. Because she was tired of being poor
 - d. Because Scrooge wouldn't buy her a gold ring

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

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| warehouse | employment | fiddler | grateful | fortune |
| miserable | tortured | comfortable | opposite | deeply |

1. Scrooge was _____ moved by what he had seen about his past.
2. The couple felt _____ because they had fallen out of love with each other.
3. His only concern was making a(n) _____.
4. I will always be _____ for the opportunities I have had.
5. The couch is very _____ to sleep on.
6. The goods are stored in a huge _____.
7. It was clear that he was _____ by his past actions.
8. Everyone danced as the _____ played a tune.
9. He gained _____ as a clerk.
10. The bank is _____ the post office.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- he loved money too much
- finally, they visited the same girl
- how miserable Scrooge was
- was generous and kind
- better boss to his clerk
- the spirit took Scrooge

1 _____ to visit a Christmas party thrown by his first boss. His first boss 2 _____. Scrooge regretted not being a 3 _____. He then saw the time when his girlfriend left him because 4 _____. 5 _____ later in her life when she had a family. She and her husband talked about 6 _____.

The Spirit of Christmas Present

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge and the spirit stood on the street.
 _____ The town was dirty with smoke.
 _____ Scrooge met the Spirit of Christmas Present.
 _____ Shops closed so people could go to church.
 _____ Scrooge touched the spirit's robe.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. What was different about Scrooge's room which he saw that night?
 - a. It was decorated.
 - b. It was warm.
 - c. It was full of food.
 - d. All of the above are true.
2. Which of the following was mentioned about the spirit?
 - a. It had curly brown hair.
 - b. It had green shoes.
 - c. Light shone from its head.
 - d. All of the above are true.
3. What did Scrooge complain about to the spirit?
 - a. The way it had changed his room
 - b. So many people being poor
 - c. Shops being closed on Sundays
 - d. Having to pay wages on holidays
4. What bit of wisdom did the spirit impart to Scrooge?
 - a. Do unto others as you'd have done to you.
 - b. Don't trust people who claim to understand God.
 - c. Work hard and earn money, but share your wealth.
 - d. Do not question the word of God.

III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. obey | • | a. to do as one is told; to follow orders |
| 2. mistletoe | • | b. a plant with white berries used in Christmas decorations |
| 3. jolly | • | c. a fire on a stick used as a light source |
| 4. torch | • | d. an argument |
| 5. bare | • | e. wavy or coiled hair; a ringlet |
| 6. icicle | • | f. religious worship, usually in a church |
| 7. curl | • | g. not covered |
| 8. service | • | h. a narrow piece of ice that hangs downwards |
| 9. assistant | • | i. one who helps another with his or her job |
| 10. quarrel | • | j. happy |

N. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- happily getting ready for Christmas
- understand God or the spirits
- so people could go to church
- the Spirit of Christmas Present

Scrooge entered a room to meet 1 _____.

_____ The spirit took Scrooge to the street to see all the busy people. They were 2 _____.

_____ The shops closed 3 _____.

_____ Scrooge asked the spirit why God and the spirits wanted the shops to be closed on Sundays. The spirit explained that people who said that did not 4 _____.

The Cratchits

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ The Cratchits enjoyed a goose for dinner.
- _____ Scrooge and the spirit visited the Cratchits.
- _____ Martha hid from Bob Cratchit.
- _____ Bob Cratchit toasted Scrooge.
- _____ Tiny Tim told a story.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. What did Bob Cratchit say about Tiny Tim?
 - a. That he was well-behaved
 - b. That he had strange thoughts
 - c. That he was well-behaved and had strange thoughts
 - d. That he was a naughty boy
2. How did everyone know when Tiny Tim was coming?
 - a. He was always singing songs.
 - b. He always had change in his pocket that jingled.
 - c. They could hear the stick he used to help him walk.
 - d. They could hear him laughing.
3. Why did Mrs. Cratchit agree to toast Mr. Scrooge?
 - a. Because he had given them the goose for their dinner
 - b. Because Bob Cratchit wanted her to
 - c. Because she felt sorry for him for being so alone
 - d. All of the above
4. What were the Cratchits like?
 - a. Well-dressed
 - b. Depressed
 - c. Wealthy
 - d. Happy

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

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| invisible | suburbs | appeared | fetch | goose |
| mug | chimney | ashamed | reddened | hard-hearted |

1. He went outside to _____ the mail for his father.
2. Scrooge felt _____ for the way he had treated Bob Cratchit.
3. The man was _____ and didn't care for anyone.
4. Many people enjoy eating _____ for their Christmas dinner.
5. Scrooge and the spirits were _____, so no one could see them.
6. The sun _____ over the horizon and the day began.
7. His cheeks _____ in anger.
8. The Cratchits lived in the _____ outside of town.
9. Smoke was coming from the _____.
10. I filled his _____ with hot coffee.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- the spirit said that he
- Mrs. Cratchit got angry
- if Tiny Tim would live
- a toast to the family
- the family enjoyed a nice dinner
- talked about work

Scrooge and the Spirit of Christmas Present visited the Cratchits. Bob Cratchit arrived home with Tiny Tim, and 1 _____. Bob Cratchit made 2 _____. Scrooge asked the spirit 3 _____. 4 _____ would die unless something changed in the future. Bob Cratchit said a toast to Scrooge, and 5 _____ on hearing that. The older children 6 _____. Tiny Tim told a story.

Scrooge's Nephew

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ The spirit disappeared and a new one appeared.
- _____ Scrooge and the spirit visited a ship.
- _____ Scrooge and the spirit visited Scrooge's nephew.
- _____ Scrooge and the spirit visited a lighthouse.
- _____ The spirit's hair turned gray.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Who did Scrooge and the spirit visit first?
 - a. Scrooge's nephew
 - b. Scrooge's sister
 - c. Men living in workhouses
 - d. A miner's family
2. What did Scrooge want to do when he was visiting his nephew?
 - a. He wanted to stay because they were having fun.
 - b. He wanted to stay and hear the rest of the story.
 - c. He wanted to leave because everyone was so sad.
 - d. He wanted to leave because everyone was so foolish.
3. What was under the spirit's robe?
 - a. Three goats
 - b. Two children
 - c. Three feet
 - d. Two claws
4. What did the children represent?
 - a. Greed and anger
 - b. Confusion and dismay
 - c. Love and happiness
 - d. Ignorance and want

III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. miner | • | a. an action that is meant to deter bad behaviour |
| 2. lighthouse | • | b. the quality of being able to wait without getting frustrated |
| 3. tune | • | c. to experience pain or unpleasantness |
| 4. punishment | • | d. a song |
| 5. hint | • | e. a tower with a large light that is used to warn ships of dangerous rocks |
| 6. patience | • | f. the state of being unaware or having no knowledge |
| 7. suffer | • | g. the sharp nail of an animal's paw |
| 8. temper | • | h. one's disposition or state of mind |
| 9. claw | • | i. a person who works underground searching for minerals |
| 10. ignorance | • | j. to imply or suggest |

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- Scrooge to visit many poor families
- ignorance and the other represented want
- Scrooge two children under its robe
- his nephew's family, Scrooge heard them talking about him

The spirit took 1 _____
 _____. They were all enjoying Christmas. When they visited 2 _____
 _____. His nephew felt sorry
 for him. The spirit quickly aged as its life on Earth came to an end. It showed
 3 _____ . One
 represented 4 _____ .

The Spirit of Christmas Future

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge heard some men talking about someone who had died.
 _____ The Spirit of Christmas Future was dressed in black.
 _____ The spirit took Scrooge to the city centre.
 _____ Scrooge knelt before the Spirit of Christmas Future.
 _____ Scrooge didn't understand why the spirit wanted him to hear this conversation.

II. Choose the best answer.

- How did Scrooge feel when he met the Spirit of Christmas Future?
 - Hopeful
 - Scared
 - Curious
 - Relieved
- What did the Spirit of Christmas Future say to Scrooge?
 - "Follow me."
 - "Listen carefully."
 - "Lead on."
 - The spirit said nothing.
- What did Scrooge misunderstand about the men's conversation?
 - He didn't know that they were talking about his death.
 - He didn't know that they were talking about Marley's death.
 - He thought they were talking about Tiny Tim's death.
 - He thought they were talking about Bob Cratchit's death.
- Why did Scrooge continue to listen to the men's conversation?
 - He wanted to find out how he would die.
 - He thought he might learn something.
 - He wanted to find out when he would get married.
 - He wanted to find out how Cratchit died.

III. Circle the correct word.

1. The spirit and Scrooge moved (onwards / inwards) in their journey.
2. The (purpose / surplus) of the visits was to help Scrooge change his way of thinking.
3. We sailed (string / straight) ahead with the wind at our backs.
4. No one (inquired / acquired) about the mean man's death.
5. They joked about how (cheap / chirp) he was.
6. Only a few people would attend his (funeral / fun house) since he wasn't well liked.
7. Scrooge heard (convolutions / conversations) about himself after his death.
8. He (expects / extends) to be home for Christmas if all goes well at work.
9. We're going to (continue / contest) to work until the project is complete.
10. Scrooge obediently (followed / fouled) the spirit.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- covered in black
- to the centre of the city
- the Spirit of Christmas Future
- men having a conversation
- Scrooge did not realise
- cheap and unfriendly man

1. _____ appeared. It was 2. _____
 _____ except for one hand. It did not speak to Scrooge. The spirit
 took Scrooge 3. _____. There he overheard some
 4. _____. They were talking about Scrooge's
 death and what a 5. _____ he was. 6. _____
 _____ that they were talking about him.

No One Mourns

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ The women talked about what a terrible man Scrooge was.
 _____ The shopkeeper invited the women to sit by his fire.
 _____ The women showed the shopkeeper what they had to sell.
 _____ Scrooge realised they were talking about him.
 _____ The shopkeeper offered them a sum of money for the goods.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. What was the next place they visited like?
 - a. It was joyful and pleasant.
 - b. It was cold and rainy.
 - c. It was dirty and ugly.
 - d. It was strange and exotic.
2. Why did the shopkeeper invite the women to sit by his fire?
 - a. Because they were cold
 - b. Because they had things to sell
 - c. Because they knew the story of Scrooge's death
 - d. None of the above
3. How did the women treat Scrooge when he was dying?
 - a. They nursed him kindly.
 - b. They tried to get his money.
 - c. They were impatient with him.
 - d. They took his blankets from him.
4. What upset Scrooge about what he heard?
 - a. That his life was so meaningless
 - b. That the women didn't get more money for his things
 - c. That he was buried with no blankets
 - d. That his servants didn't care about him

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

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| nasty | deserved | towel | curtains | sack |
| buried | undertaker | weakness | horror | shaking |

- To his _____, he realised that his life was wasted.
- The nephew met with the _____ to make funeral arrangements for his dead uncle.
- The servants took the _____ from his windows before he died.
- The man is _____ in a lonely grave that no one visits.
- He knew that his _____ for money would eventually ruin his life.
- She quickly put all of the stolen items in a _____ so they wouldn't be seen.
- Everyone felt that Scrooge got the death that he _____.
- Here is a _____ for you to dry off.
- He was _____ in fear because he thought there was a ghost in the house.
- At the end of his life, his servants had a _____ attitude towards him.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- they were talking about him
- had belonged to a dead man
- a man selling used goods
- Scrooge to a poor area of town

The spirit took 1 _____. They saw 2 _____. Two women came along with things to sell. They told him that the things 3 _____. Scrooge realised 4 _____. They talked about how awful this man was.

A Sad Future

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- Scrooge wanted to visit someone who was sad about his death.
- Scrooge visited the Cratchits.
- Scrooge couldn't move his hand to lift the sheet covering the dead man's face.
- Scrooge visited his own grave.
- Scrooge visited a family that was in debt to him.

II. Choose the best answer.

- What did Scrooge understand about the dead man?
 - That he died because he was poor
 - That he died because he was unloved
 - That it was his father
 - That it was Bob Cratchit
- Who was sad that Scrooge had died?
 - Caroline
 - Mrs. Cratchit
 - Scrooge's nephew
 - No one
- What did Scrooge's death mean for Caroline and her husband?
 - They had no more source of income.
 - They had time to pay off their debts.
 - Their debts were forgiven.
 - They would inherit a large sum of money.
- Why were the Cratchits sad?
 - Because Tiny Tim had died
 - Because Scrooge had died
 - Because Peter had no work
 - Because Scrooge fired Bob

A Second Chance

III. Circle the correct word.

1. He grew (fearful / fruitful) when he realised that it was his grave he was looking at.
2. He (bragged / begged) the spirit to help him change his life.
3. They were (expecting / exposing) him to arrive much sooner than he did.
4. She tried to (slay / sew) the holes in his socks, but there were just too many.
5. Before his son died, Bob Cratchit usually came (immediately / immensely) home after work.
6. They thought about the death of their young son and how (cool / cruel) life could be.
7. He carried his son around on his (shoulders / shutters).
8. Scrooge's experience was an (extraneous / extraordinary) event.
9. The (graveyard / gravestone) is spooky at night.
10. The yard was (overdone / overgrown) with grass and weeds.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- he visited his own grave
- Tiny Tim had died
- dead body in a dark room
- sad that he had died
- be a better person
- covered with a sheet

Scrooge saw a 1 _____. His head was 2 _____.
 _____ Scrooge wanted to visit someone who was 3 _____.
 _____ He was brought to a family who was indebted
 to him. Then he visited the Cratchits. They were sad because 4 _____.
 _____. Then 5 _____. He vowed
 to 6 _____ before waking up in his bed.

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Scrooge's nephew and family were pleased to see him.
- _____ Scrooge had a large turkey sent to the Cratchits.
- _____ Scrooge gave Bob Cratchit a raise.
- _____ Scrooge walked the streets wishing everyone a merry Christmas.
- _____ Scrooge became good friends with Tiny Tim.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. With whom did Scrooge eat Christmas dinner?
 - a. He ate with his servant.
 - b. He ate with the Cratchits.
 - c. He ate with his nephew.
 - d. He ate with the shopkeeper.
2. Who did Scrooge apologise to on Christmas Day?
 - a. Bob Cratchit
 - b. His nephew
 - c. The man who was collecting for the poor
 - d. The boy who got him a turkey from the shop
3. What did Scrooge do on Christmas Day?
 - a. He went to church.
 - b. He parted children on the head.
 - c. He talked to beggars.
 - d. He did all of the above.
4. What did Scrooge say to Bob Cratchit when he was late for work?
 - a. "You're fired!"
 - b. "I will not allow you to be late again."
 - c. "I will dock your pay for being late."
 - d. "I told you to come in early today."

III. Match the word with the meaning used in the chapter.

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| 1. bedpost | • | a. the amount of money a person earns |
| 2. saucepan | • | b. a pot used to cook liquids |
| 3. cab | • | c. a member of the same family |
| 4. succeed | • | d. to complete what one sets out to do |
| 5. whisper | • | e. to speak softly |
| 6. sum | • | f. an amount |
| 7. pat | • | g. a person who asks strangers for money |
| 8. beggar | • | h. a vertical post at the corner of a bed frame |
| 9. relative | • | i. to touch gently |
| 10. salary | • | j. a taxi |

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- by his office for a donation
- a kind and generous man
- streets wishing people merry Christmas
- he was giving him a raise

Scrooge woke up on Christmas morning feeling joyful. He had a large turkey sent to the Cratchits, and he walked the 1 _____. He saw the man who had been collecting for charity the day before. He told him to come 2 _____. Then he had dinner with his nephew and his family. On the following day, he pretended to be mad at Bob Cratchit for coming in late, but then he said 3 _____. Scrooge became 4 _____.

I. Decide whether each of the following characters was part of Scrooge's past, present, or future. Some may be in more than one category.

| | | | |
|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Tiny Tim | Mr. Fezziwig | Caroline | Nephew |
| Little Fan | Dick Wilkin | Mr. Marley | Bob Cratchit |

Past

Present

Future

Now work with a partner to answer the following questions about the characters above.

Little Fan

Who was she? _____

How did Scrooge feel about her? _____

What happened to her? _____

Bob Cratchit

Who was he? _____

How was he affected by Scrooge before Scrooge met the spirits? _____

How was he affected by Scrooge after Scrooge met the spirits? _____