

**A Christmas Carol** follows the story of an old man, Ebenezer Scrooge, as he learns about the spirit of Christmas. The story starts on Christmas Eve when Scrooge is visited by a ghost. It is his business partner, Marley, who had died seven years before. Marley tells Scrooge that he must become a better person.

During the night, three more ghosts visit Scrooge. The first—the Ghost of Christmas Past—takes Scrooge back to his childhood and reminds him of life when he was happy. They then travel to the night when Marley died and Scrooge hears Belle Marley talking about what a nasty man her husband had been.

The second spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Present, takes Scrooge to the house of Bob Cratchit, who works for Scrooge. The family are very poor and Bob's son, Tiny Tim, is seriously ill. But Scrooge sees how happy they are, despite their problems.

Finally, the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge that nobody would care if he died. Scrooge visits his own grave in the cemetery and sees that nobody looks after it or leaves him flowers.

The visits from the ghosts make Scrooge realize what a selfish person he is. When he wakes up on Christmas Day he's enthusiastic to change his ways. He visits his family, donates money to charity and sends a turkey to Bob Cratchit so he and his family can enjoy a feast on Christmas Day.

### Activity : A kindness calendar

The moral of the story in **A Christmas Carol** is that we should be kind to others and generous with what we have. After reading the story, have students work in groups to brainstorm things they can do to be kind to other people. Write all their ideas on the board, then have students create and decorate a kindness calendar for the next month. Here's an example with three days:



Students can then complete a daily act of kindness and in subsequent lessons, you can refer back to their calendars to find out what they've done.

<https://www.english.com/blog/3-activities-charles-dickens-readers/>

**Full movie:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0ZJIFeb3A0> 1:09:50 animated

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgMfGq3okZY> 15:45 for kids

**Lesson plans:**

<https://readers.english.com/products/search/a%20christmas%20carol> teacher's resources,  
sample audio record

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/a-christmas-carol> worksheets

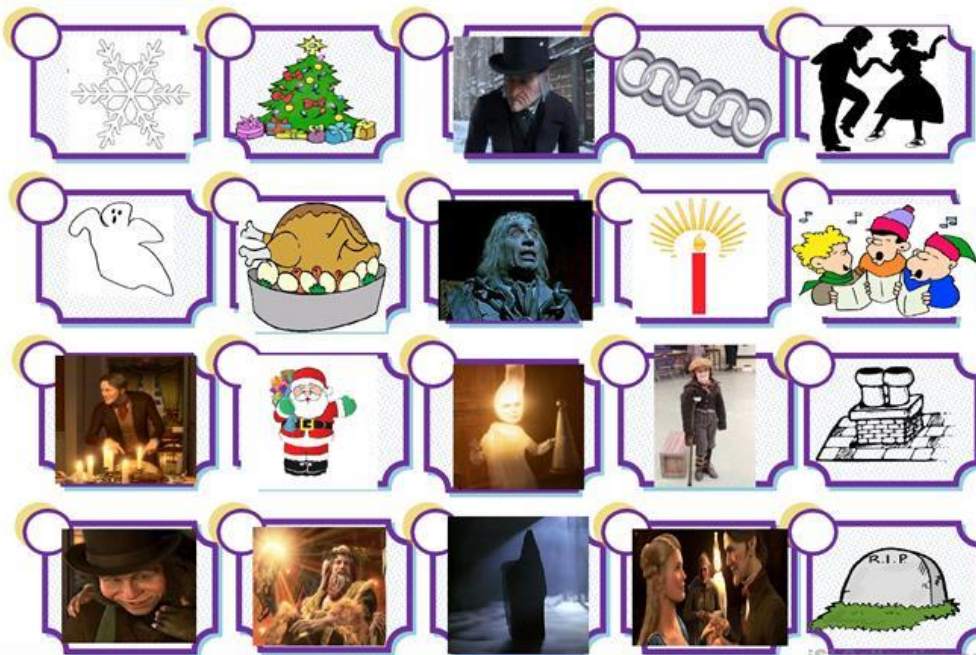
**worksheets**



# A Christmas Carol

Put the correct number in the circle beside the pictures.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1<br>Scrooge                       | 2<br>Bob Cratchit | 3<br>Father Christmas            | 4<br>turkey                     |
| 5<br>candle                        | 6<br>ghost        | 7<br>Ghost of Christmas Past     | 8<br>Marley                     |
| 9<br>Carol Singers                 | 10<br>dancing     | 11<br>grave                      | 12<br>Tiny Tim                  |
| 13<br>Christmas tree               | 14<br>chains      | 15<br>snow                       | 16<br>chimney                   |
| 17<br>Young Scrooge and girlfriend | 18<br>Fred        | 19<br>Ghost of Christmas Present | 20<br>Ghost of Christmas Future |



## A Christmas Carol



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxKE308POP8&list=PLWFw7q37WrZxAm\\_FRfkzvstyoWWT5FNGy&index=36](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxKE308POP8&list=PLWFw7q37WrZxAm_FRfkzvstyoWWT5FNGy&index=36)

### Pre watching

#### Part 1

- 1) How do you celebrate Christmas?
- 2) What do you usually eat at Christmas?
- 3) What is your favourite Christmas song?
- 4) Would you like to spend the Christmas holidays in another country? Where? Why?

#### Part 2

- 1) Who is Ebenezer Scrooge?

### Post watching

#### Ex 1

	True	False		True	False
Scrooge wasn't rich.			Scrooge didn't like Christmas		
He didn't like to spend money.			Scrooge wasn't afraid of ghosts		

# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens

Maestralidia.com



It is the story of a bad old man: Ebenezer Scrooge who doesn't like Christmas. He is a stingy and selfish man. He sits in his office on a cold Christmas Eve. His clerk, Bob Cratchit, works in that very cold office because Scrooge doesn't want to spend money on coal for the fire. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is sitting alone in his cold living room at home. Suddenly the ghost of his dead partner, Jacob Marley appears. He says

to Scrooge, "Change your life! You must be a better man. You must be kind to people. Three ghosts will visit you this night." Scrooge is terribly afraid. Then he goes to bed. That night three ghosts come to visit Scrooge. The first is the Ghost of Christmas Past. He takes Ebenezer Scrooge back to the happy days when he was a young man and he celebrated Christmas with other people. He was



so happy. The second ghost is the Ghost of Present and takes Scrooge to a poor but clean room. It is the home of his clerk Bob Cratchit and his family. They are very poor but very kind. Mrs. Cratchit is preparing a small turkey for Christmas dinner but they are happy. There is also Tiny Tim, Bob's little boy. He is very ill, but they haven't money for a doctor. "Look!" the ghost says to Scrooge, "The boy will die if they



don't get money for a doctor." The third ghost is the Ghost of Christmas Future. He takes Scrooge to a cemetery. There is Scrooge's name on a tombstone. Scrooge is frightened and promises to change his way. The ghost disappears. When Scrooge gets up on Christmas morning is a new man. He becomes jolly and charitable



and wishes everyone. "Merry Christmas!". He buys delicious food and many presents for Bob's family and pays for the doctor for little Tim. Scrooge is really a new man and the spirit of Christmas is always with him.



	True	False
1. Scrooge is very poor		
2. Bob Cratchit is Scrooge's clerk.		
3. Four ghosts appear to Scrooge		
4. Bob has a boy: Tiny Tim who is ill		
5. The Ghost of Christmas Present takes Scrooge to the past		
6. The third ghost takes Scrooge to a wonderful garden		
7. Scrooge becomes a good man and pays for the doctors for little Tim		

## STORY GUIDE

# A Christmas Carol

Original story by: Charles Dickens

Read by: James Eckhart



## morals and themes

Kindness, Love, Forgiveness, the Christmas Spirit

## general comprehension questions

- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters?
- Who is your favorite character and why?
- Which character don't you like and why?
- What are the problems the characters face?
- How do they solve these problems?
- How does the story end?
- What lesson does this story teach you?

## discussion questions

- Why didn't anyone in the town like Ebenezer Scrooge?
- Ebenezer Scrooge pursued money and gold beyond anything else in life. Do you think that money really makes a person happy? What do you think is more important to pursue?
- Did you find the story scary at all? If yes, why do you think the author wrote it this way?
- When the Ghost of Christmas Past visits Scrooge she shows him how much Christmas used to matter to him. What do you think changed Scrooge?
- After all the visitors left Scrooge, he decided to thank Bob Cratchit. Do you think Scrooge is a different person now?
- Think of one thing that you could do for someone else over Christmas. Is it a parent, a brother, a sister, or a friend? How do you think this would make their Christmas better?

## extension questions

- What other stories does this remind you of?
- How does this story relate to your own life?
- Write an alternate ending for the story.
- Write your own version of what happens next.

## research activity

Use the internet or library to research charity.

- What is charity? Is giving money the only type of charity?
- What type of charity do you do?
- What's another great way you can help your parents or a friend?

## notes on this adaptation

Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale stresses the importance of good deeds and the pursuit of happiness. At Speakaboos, we highlighted the dramatic change that Ebenezer Scrooge goes through from being a rich miser to a happy citizen. Our follow-up questions and activities can be used to create a practical side to the story. Merry Christmas!