

KEY – READING – A CHRISTMANS CAROL

PART 1

Ebenezer Scrooge was an old money lender in London. He was rich, but he was a very greedy, stingy and selfish man. He wasn't friendly to people and he didn't help anyone. His only friend and partner, Jacob Marley, died many years ago.

His clerk, Bob Cratchit had to work in a cold room because Scrooge didn't want to spend money on coal to heat the room.

At Christmas Scrooge's nephew Fred came to invite him to Christmas dinner at his home and to wish him a "Merry Christmas", but Scrooge only answered angrily "Bah, humbug."

On Christmas Eve, Scrooge was sitting alone in his cold living room at home. Suddenly the ghost of his dead partner, Jacob Marley appeared. He said to Scrooge, "Change your life! You must become a better man. You must be kind to people, you must laugh with them. Three ghosts will visit you this night." Scrooge was terribly afraid. Then he went to bed.

Circle the answer True or False

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| 1. Scrooge was a very nice rich man. | True | False |
| 2. Scrooge only friend was Bob Cratchit. | True | False |
| 3. Scrooge didn't like to spend money. | True | False |
| 4. Scrooge had Christmas dinner at his nephew's house. | True | False |
| 5. Scrooge's friend Jacob Marley visited him. | True | False |
| 6. Scrooge wasn't afraid of the ghost. | True | False |

Answer the questions

- Where did Scrooge live? _____
- What kind of person was Scrooge? _____
- Who was Fred? _____
- Where was Scrooge on Christmas Eve? _____

PART 2

And while Scrooge was sleeping in his bed, the Ghost of Christmas Past appeared. He took Ebenezer Scrooge back to the happy days when he had been a friendly young man. He saw himself celebrating Christmas with other people. He looked so happy. He also saw all the terrible things he had done when he was older.

Next the Ghost of Christmas Present appeared. Now the room was decorated with holly, ivy and mistletoe and looked so nice. There was a table full of sausages, Christmas puddings, apples and pears, oranges and cakes

Choose the correct answer!

1. *How was Scrooge as a young boy?*
 - a) unhappy b) friendly c) impolite

2. *What did the Ghost of Christmas Past show to Scrooge?*
 - a) Scrooge having a happy Christmas
 - b) Scrooge buying presents.
 - c) Scrooge giving money to the poor.

3. *What ghost appeared next?*
 - a) Ghost of Christmas Carols
 - b) Ghost of Christmas Presents
 - c) Ghost of Christmas Present

4. *What was on the table?*
 - a) Turkey, cakes, and oranges.
 - b) Apples, pears, and oranges.
 - c) Christmas puddings and steak.

PART 3

The Ghost of Christmas Present took Scrooge to a poor but clean room. It was the home of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, and his family. Bob, his wife and his two children sat at the table. There wasn't much food on it, but they all said it was the most wonderful Christmas dinner.

Although they were poor, they were happy and loved each other so much. They saw Scrooge and invited him to sit down and have Christmas dinner with them. Scrooge was very ashamed.

And there was also Tiny Tim. Bob's little boy was handicapped and they had no money for a doctor.

"Look!" the ghost told Scrooge, "The boy will die if they don't get money for a doctor." "Please, take me away!" Scrooge said to the ghost.

The third ghost was the Ghost of Christmas Future. He went with Scrooge to a graveyard and showed him a neglected grave. There was Scrooge's name on the tombstone. "Oh Ghost," Scrooge shouted, "I will change my life. I will be friendly and generous." Then the ghost disappeared.

When Scrooge awoke the next morning he remembered the three ghosts and he also remembered what he had seen. It was Christmas morning. He thought "What a wonderful morning!" then he jumped out of bed and he smiled! He dressed quickly, went out into the street, was very friendly, gave money to beggars and wished everyone "A Merry Christmas!".

He bought very delicious food and many presents and carried them to Bob Cratchit's house. He gave them the food and the presents and felt very happy. He had never been happier in his life. Then he went to see his nephew Fred to celebrate Christmas with him. The ghosts had changed all in only one night. Ebenezer Scrooge had learned his lesson for the rest of his life and he loved his new life.

Circle the answer true or false

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| 1. The Ghost of Christmas Present took him to the past. | True | False |
| 2. Bob Cratchit was Scrooge's clerk. | True | False |
| 3. Bob had three kids. | True | False |
| 4. The boy's name was Tiny Tom. | True | False |
| 5. The Cratchit family sat around a table having X-mas dinner. | True | False |
| 6. Scrooge was invited to have X-mas dinner with them. | True | False |
| 7. The little boy was handicapped and needed medical care. | True | False |

ANSWERS

PART 1

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False

Answer the questions

1. In London
2. He was an old, rich, greedy, stingy, and selfish man.
3. He was Scrooge's nephew.
4. He was sitting alone in his cold living room.

PART 2

- 1 B
- 2 A
- 3 C
- 4 B

PART 3

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. True