

## 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'

### Comprehension Questions

1. **Who is telling the story at the beginning of the film?**
  - a) Ebenezer Scrooge
  - b) Bob Cratchit
  - c) Charles Dickens
  - d) Kermit the Frog
  
2. **Where and when is the story set? (Choose two)**

a) London	d) Hanukkah
b) New York	e) Christmas-time
c) Paris	f) New Year
  
3. **Which character is presented as the main character of the story?**
  - a) Mr Humbug
  - b) Charles Dickens
  - c) Ebenezer Scrooge
  - d) Rizzo the Rat
  
4. **How would you describe the general mood of the opening scenes?**
  - a) Happy and joyful
  - b) Dark and serious
  - c) Funny but slightly gloomy
  - d) Calm and peaceful
  
5. **What Christmas imagery do you see in the opening scenes?**

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6. **Which words best describe Scrooge at the beginning of the film?**  
**Choose three adjectives from the choices below:**

*generous \* pleasant \* penny-pinching \* kind \* appreciative \* curmudgeon \* cruel*
  
7. **What is Scrooge's attitude towards:**
  - Christmas: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other people: \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. **What business does Scrooge own or work in?**
  - a) A bank

- b) A shop
- c) A counting house
- d) A factory

**9. Who works for Scrooge?**

- a) His clerk
- b) A family member
- c) A businessman
- d) A ghost

**10. How does Scrooge act towards Bob Cratchit at work?**

- a) Friendly but forgetful
- b) Generous and patient
- c) Kind and generous
- d) Strict and unfriendly

**11. Give one example from the film that shows Scrooge is unkind or unfriendly.**

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**12. What do other characters think about Scrooge? (Choose two)**

- a) They admire him
- b) They are afraid of him
- c) They feel sorry for him
- d) They find him very generous

**13. What happens when people ask Scrooge for charity or kindness?**

- a) He ignores them
- b) He agrees without hesitating
- c) He gives money but complains about it
- d) He rejects them

**14. Why do you think the narrator (Charles Dickens) is included in this version of the story?**

- a) To explain the story clearly
- b) To make the story more serious
- c) To add humour
- d) Both A and C

- 15. This version of A Christmas Carol uses humour and music.**  
**How does this make the story feel compared to a traditional novel?**
- a) It is easier to understand
  - b) It is more entertaining
  - c) It is less memorable
  - d) It is a more difficult version

- 16. How do the Muppet characters affect the way the story is told?**
- a) They make it more serious and historical
  - b) They make it confusing
  - b) They make it funnier and easier to watch
  - c) They remove the message of the story

- 17. Even in the first 10–15 minutes, what message about Christmas or kindness do you think the film is starting to show?**
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- 18. Based on the beginning of the film, what do you think will happen to Scrooge later in the story?**
- a) He will remain the same with small alterations
  - b) He will become kinder and more patient
  - c) He will become even meaner and more lonely
  - d) He will die in loneliness and despair