

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens (simplified version)

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 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.



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True or False



	True	False
1. Scrooge wasn't rich.		
2. He didn't like to spend money.		
3. Jacob Marley was Scrooge's friend.		
4. Scrooge went to Fred to have dinner.		
5. Scrooge didn't like Christmas.		
6. Marley's ghost told Scrooge not to change his life.		
7. Scrooge wasn't afraid of ghosts.		



Answer the questions!

1. Where did Scrooge live?

3. Who was Fred?

2. What kind of man was Scrooge?

4. What was Scrooge doing on Christmas Eve?



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!

- How was Scrooge as a young boy?
a) unhappy b) friendly c) impolite
- 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.
- What ghost appeared next?
a) Ghost of Christmas Carols
b) Ghost of Christmas Presents
c) Ghost of Christmas Present
- What was on the table?
a) Turkey, cakes, and oranges.
b) Apples, pears, and oranges.
c) Christmas puddings and oranges.