

A Christmas Carol

1. Fill in the blanks of the story with the words from the box.

poor office man help Eve nothing doctor happy hates ghost
name school life pays girlfriend

The story begins on Christmas _____. Ebenezer Scrooge, a mean, unkind old man, is working in his _____ with Bob Cratchit, his clerk. His nephew Fred visits him and invites Ebenezer to celebrate Christmas day at his house. Scrooge refuses. He _____ Christmas because he thinks it's too expensive. Next a charity worker collecting money for the poor arrives, but Scrooge gives her _____. When it is time to finish work, Scrooge is angry that he has to give Bob Cratchit a day off work on Christmas day.

After work, Scrooge goes home to spend Christmas alone and unhappy. That night the _____ of his dead business partner, Jacob Marley, visits him. He tells Scrooge that he must change his way of life or face the consequences. He tells him that three ghosts will visit him. Scrooge is scared but he goes to sleep. He wakes up to see The Ghost of Christmas Past, who takes him to re-visit his own past. They go to his old _____ and see Scrooge as a lonely and unhappy child. They also visit him as a happy, young man working in his first job, with a kind boss called Mr. Fezziwig. Finally they see Scrooge's _____ leave him because of his love of money.

Later that night, Scrooge meets The Ghost of

Christmas Present. He takes Scrooge to see the Cratchit family's Christmas. They are happy even though they are _____. The only thing that makes them sad is that the youngest son, Tiny Tim, is ill. Tiny Tim is likely to die without a _____, something the Cratchit family cannot afford to pay for. Scrooge also visits the house of his nephew. The people are all _____ having fun and are _____.

Finally, The Ghost of Christmas Future arrives. He doesn't speak but shows Scrooge, people talking about a _____ who has died. They speak about the man without affection and are not sad that he is dead. When Scrooge sees the grave of the man, he realizes it has his _____ on it. It is his death the people are talking about! He is very sad.

He _____ wants _____ to _____ everyone now and become a better person. He buys a big Turkey for the Cratchit family and _____ for the doctor for Tiny Tim. Next, he goes to his nephew's house and joins in the celebrations. He is sorry for all the bad thing he has done and promises to start a new _____.

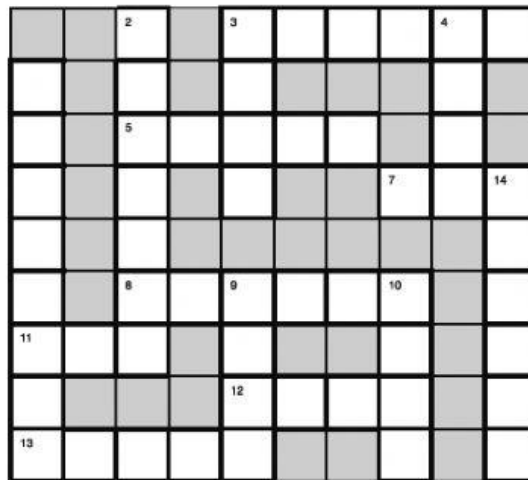
II. Decide if the sentences are true or false.

- ___ 1) Ebenezer Scrooge is a generous man.
- ___ 2) Every year Scrooge spends Christmas day with his nephew Fred.
- ___ 3) Ebenezer gives nothing to charity.
- ___ 4) Jacob Marley has been dead for seven years.
- ___ 5) The Ghost of Christmas Past is silent.
- ___ 6) Scrooge and Belle got a divorce.
- ___ 7) Bob Cratchit has a son called Tiny Tim.
- ___ 8) The Ghost of Christmas Future shows Scrooge his own grave.
- ___ 9) On Christmas morning, Scrooge buys a chicken for the Cratchit family.
- ___ 10) Scrooge promises to change his way of life and become a better person.

III. Put the events of the story in the correct order.

- _____ Scrooge sees his own grave.
- _____ A charity worker asks Scrooge to give money to the poor.
- _____ The Ghost of Christmas Past arrives.
- _____ Scrooge buys a turkey for the Cratchit family.
- _____ The Ghost of Christmas Present meets Scrooge.
- _____ Scrooge sees himself at school.
- _____ Jacob Marley warns Scrooge to change his way of life.
- _____ Scrooge sees his girlfriend leave him.
- _____ Fred invites his uncle to his house for Christmas.
- _____ Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning and is very happy.

IV. Complete the crossword. All the answers can be found in the story.



Clues down

1. Scrooge. (9)
2. The country the story is set in. (7)
3. An adjective to describe a person who doesn't like spending money. (4)
4. To get money by working. (4)
9. The first ghost scrooge sees is the ghost of Christmas (4)
10. Scrooge's partner tries to Scrooge what will happen if he doesn't change his ways. (4)
14. The English always eat turkey for Christmas (6)

Clues Across

3. Scrooge's partner was Jacob (6)
5. The place you are put when you're dead. Scroog saw his (5)
7. The final part of a story. (3)
8. Fred is Scrooge's (6)
11. The last letter of the alphabet. (3)
12. What you might put on top of the Christmas tree. (4)
13. turkey. The way it is cooked in the oven. (5)