



A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens
Vocabulary Word Search



Find the words.

E R U T U F L I J P R O F I T
 C V O B Z P A S T S O H G X N
 N F E B A N L B U S I N E S S
 A P P R E N T I C E O S P A U
 T N E M A C I D E R P J R W R
 N N D G T S W H A U N T E D P
 I Y E N L C R N Q M C A S P L
 A D U I A N C S S O L Y E Q U
 U A G N C E W B I T F P N G S
 Q L A I I I K W H N I A T F T
 C A V O M F F Y E A K R E L C
 A M V J O S P F E H E T C V J
 F B X D C Q N I U P P N I Z D
 P Z H A P O S S E S S E D W Q
 H I I E T H T X P N E R N E Q

acquaintance	clerk	haunted	partner
predicament	sufficient	adjoining	comical
ignorance	past	present	surplus
apprentice	future	malady	phantom
profit	vague	business	ghost
nephew	possessed	robe	wealthy





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Words and Their Meanings



Read each of the following. Choose the correct answer.

1. The word **comical** means _____.
 - a. stingy
 - b. boring
 - c. funny
 - d. irritating

2. The word **malady** means _____.
 - a. tiresome
 - b. managed
 - c. illness
 - d. caring

3. A **synonym** for the word **vague** is _____.
 - a. caring
 - b. clear
 - c. uncaring
 - d. unclear

4. The word **adjoining** means _____.
 - a. touching or next to
 - b. in the same area
 - c. without windows
 - d. very cold

5. The word **profit** means _____.
 - a. money loaned to others
 - b. income after expenses are paid
 - c. gifts given by others
 - d. things treasured



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6. What does the underlined word mean in the following sentence?

Scrooge was haunted by the visits from the ghosts.

- a. to escape from trouble
- b. deafening
- c. to come into mind over and over again
- d. to decorate for holidays

7. What is the meaning of the word **ignorance**?

- a. very well educated
- b. forgetful
- c. having little or no knowledge
- d. having an excellent vocabulary

8. What is an **apprentice**?

- a. a person learning a trade from a skilled worker
- b. a person living in a foreign country
- c. a very wealthy person
- d. a time to relax

9. What is the meaning of the underlined word in this sentence?

Scrooge's predicament made him very uncomfortable.

- a. preparing for a feast
- b. a wealthy business owner
- c. being kind to others
- d. a difficult situation

10. What is the meaning of the word **surplus**?

- a. charitable
- b. more than enough
- c. friendless
- d. being satisfied





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Vocabulary Word Unscramble



Unscramble the words. Use the words in the text boxes to help you.

sufficient	vague	phantom	partner
wealthy	business	malady	adjoining
future	comical	ghost	surplus
acquaintance	possessed	present	ignorance

1. urteuf _____
2. guvea _____
3. amotnhp _____
4. slspuru _____
5. rpnsete _____
6. rigconane _____
7. inutfesfic _____
8. ueinsssb _____
9. enpratr _____
10. sgoth _____
11. cocilma _____
12. aqatncaenui _____
13. edopssess _____
15. ogndajonii _____
16. ethalwy _____





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Comprehension



Read each of the following. Choose the correct answer.

1. What was the relationship between Marley and Scrooge?
 - a. They were brothers.
 - b. They were cousins.
 - c. They were business partners.
 - d. They were enemies.

2. Who invited Scrooge to eat on Christmas Day?
 - a. his clerk
 - b. his wife
 - c. his preacher
 - d. his nephew

3. How long had Marley been dead?
 - a. twenty years
 - b. nine years
 - c. twelve years
 - d. seven years

4. Which of the following **IS** true?
 - a. Everyone adored Scrooge.
 - b. Scrooge had no friends.
 - c. Scrooge was a very wealthy man.
 - d. Both b and c

5. The ghost of Marley told Scrooge that he ___.
 - a. would be going on a long journey.
 - b. would be haunted by three spirits.
 - c. would get married.
 - d. would lose all his money.



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6. The Ghost of Christmas Past took Scrooge _____.
 - a. to a program at the church.
 - b. to visit the area where Scrooge grew up.
 - c. to see his nephew.
 - d. to a funeral.

7. After the Ghost of Christmas Past left Scrooge, _____.
 - a. he went back to work.
 - b. he went to visit several friends.
 - c. he cooked dinner.
 - d. he went to sleep.

8. The second Ghost of Christmas to visit Scrooge was _____.
 - a. the Ghost of Christmas Past
 - b. the Ghost of Christmas Future
 - c. the Ghost of Christmas Present
 - d. none of these

9. Which ghost was carrying a torch?
 - a. the Ghost of Christmas Future
 - b. the Ghost of Christmas Present
 - c. the Ghost of Marley
 - d. the Ghost of Christmas Past

10. It was _____ for Scrooge to visit the Christmases of the past in his life.
 - a. pleasant
 - b. painful
 - c. neither a nor b
 - d. both a and b

11. What had the ghost of Marley been doing since his death?
 - a. He had been in the house with Scrooge.
 - b. He had been in heaven.
 - c. He had been wandering from place to place.
 - d. He had been vacationing in Florida.



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12. When did the Ghost of Marley tell Scrooge the first two visitors would come?
- a. at twelve o'clock
 - b. at two o'clock
 - c. at one o'clock
 - d. at four o'clock
13. Bob Cratchit was Scrooge's ____.
- a. bother
 - b. son
 - c. doctor
 - d. clerk
14. Who was ill in this story?
- a. the nephew
 - b. Bob Cratchit
 - c. Tiny Tim
 - d. Scrooge
15. Scrooge was able to fly and pass through walls because ____.
- a. he had died in his sleep
 - b. he used magic
 - c. he touched the ghosts' hands
 - d. he paid the ghosts to teach him to pass through walls
16. Which ghost was wearing a belt?
- a. the Ghost of Marley
 - b. the Ghost of Christmas Past
 - c. the Ghost of Christmas Present
 - d. the Ghost of Christmas Future
17. What was the correct answer in the game of "yes" and "no"?
- a. Uncle Scrooge
 - b. Bob Cratchit
 - c. Mr. Fezzwig
 - d. none of these



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18. What was under the robe of the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come?

- a. an animal
- b. a Christmas tree
- c. a room in home
- d. a warehouse

19. Who were the best dancers at the Fezzwig's party?

- a. Scrooge's nephew and his wife
- b. Mr. and Mrs. Fezzwig
- c. the ghost and Scrooge
- d. Mr. and Mrs. Cratchit

20. What was Scrooge's idol?

- a. money
- b. friends
- c. love
- d. clothes

21. Who was the character in the story that said " God Bless Us Everyone?"

- a. the nephew
- b. Scrooge
- c. Bob Cratchit
- d. Tiny Tim

22. At the end of this story, Scrooge promises to __.

- a. spend time with his nephew
- b. give Bob Cratchit a raise
- c. talk to the doorknocker every day
- d. honor Christmas all year long





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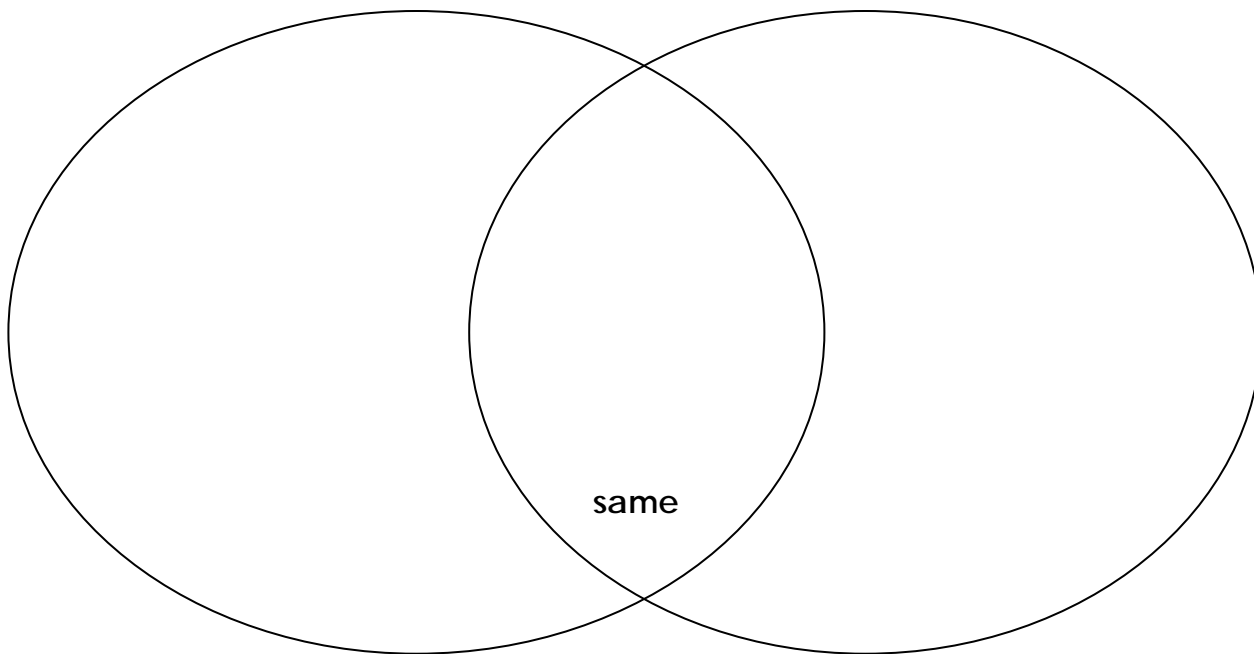
Writing Activity 2



Use the Venn diagram to compare two of the ghosts that visited Scrooge. Write an essay comparing two of the ghosts. Please write neatly. Please staple additional paper to this sheet to complete your essay.

Ghost of Christmas _____

Ghost of Christmas _____



Different

Different

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Answers to A Christmas Carol

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