

Stave One - Quick Check Comprehension

1. Who died seven years ago?
 2. How many friends does Scrooge have?
 3. Who invites Scrooge to Christmas Dinner?
 4. Who says, 'Are there no prisons?'
 5. What do the 'two gentlemen' ask Scrooge to do?
 6. Who does not want to work on Christmas Day?
 7. What does Scrooge first do when he leaves his office?
 8. What is the last thing Scrooge eats'?
 9. Who eats with him?
 10. Whose face appears on the knocker?
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Vocabulary: Match the definition with the word below

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| a) An office worker | e) Depressing/dark |
| b) Something without value/nonsense | f) Oat dish/porridge |
| c) Prison-like institution for the poor | g) Room without light |
| d) More than needed | h) Old word for ghos |

cell * nonsense * dismal - spirit * porridge * clerk * surplus * workhouse

What does Scrooge mean?

- a) 'Are there no prisons?'
 - b) Christmas is an excuse to 'pick a man's pocket'
 - c) Bah,' said Scrooge. "Humbug!"
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Writing

1. Write a short description of each of the characters in the first part of the story
 2. Write one of the following:
 - You are Fred. Write a card to your Uncle Scrooge inviting him to Christmas Dinner.
 - You are Fred. Write a letter to Mr Scrooge asking for an extra day's holiday after Christmas!
 - You are one of the two gentlemen. Write to Scrooge asking him for £100 to pay for a holiday for poor children.
 3. Write a paragraph about what the ghost tells Scrooge.
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