**A Christmas Carol**

Stave-by-Stave Questions

‘Bah!’ said Scrooge. ‘Humbug!’





1. When was the novel published?

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| **Answer**: 1843 | **Extension**: The ‘hungry forties’ was a period of economic depression and misery |

1. In which city is it set?

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1. What is the name of Scrooge’s former business partner?

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1. For how many years has he been dead?

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1. In which year was the Poor Law Amendment Act passed?

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1. What is the ‘treadmill’ a reference to?

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1. What is a ‘union workhouse’?

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1. In which area of London is Scrooge’s house located?

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1. What is the weather like when Scrooge arrives there?

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1. What image does Scrooge see on the knocker of his door?

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1. What is an ‘apparition’?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘Scrooge had often heard it said that Marley had no bowels, but…’

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘I wear the chain I…’

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1. How many spirits is Scrooge told will haunt him?

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1. What does Scrooge see out his window at the end of the chapter?

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1. What time is it when Scrooge first wakes up?

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| **Answer**: Midnight | **Extension**: The subsequent striking of the clock creates tension at this stage of the novel |

1. What time does he recall going to bed?

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1. At what time does the Ghost of Christmas Past appear?

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1. What does the word ‘jocund’ (as in the ‘jocund travellers came on’) mean?

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1. What is the name of Scrooge’s sister?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What is the name of Fezziwig’s other clerk?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘Fezziwig, skipping down from…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. How many daughters does Fezziwig have?

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1. What is the name of Scrooge’s fiancé?

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1. What ‘Idol’ displaced her?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘Leave me! Take me back! Haunt me…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What does Scrooge do right at the end of the chapter?

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1. Where does the Ghost of Christmas Present appear?

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| **Answer**: The adjoining room | **Extension**: The room is bathed in brilliant light and heat and piled high with delicious food |

1. What is ‘Plenty’s horn’?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘Scrooge entered timidly, and…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What is the colour of the robe that the Ghost of Christmas Present wears?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Finish the quotation: ‘I learned a lesson which is…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What happens when Scrooge touches the robe?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What is the Ghost of Christmas Present’s ‘uncommon torch’ able to do when angry words are exchanged?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. How many rooms does Bob Cratchit’s house have?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Where is Tiny Tim sitting when he and Bob enter the house?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘Such a bustle ensued that you might’ve thought a goose the…’?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |



1. What is the ‘speckled cannon-ball’ a reference to?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Who does Bob claim is the ‘Founder of the Feast’?

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1. What does ‘baleful’ mean?

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1. What does ‘plaintive’ mean?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Who is Scrooge taken to observe after the miners?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as…’

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1. What is the name of Scrooge’s nephew?

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1. What is the name of ‘comical fellow’?

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1. Who plays the blind man in blind-man’s buff?

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1. What does ‘imperceptibly’ mean?

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1. Who grows ‘older, clearly older’?

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1. What is the name of the boy?

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1. What is the name of the girl?

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1. What is written on the boy’s brow?

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1. What colour is the garment that the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come wears?

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| **Answer**: Green | **Extension**: A colour symbolic of life and vitality |

1. Who is likely to have a ‘cheap funeral’?

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1. Who is Old Scratch?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘The whole quarter reeked with crime, with filth and…’

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘He frightened everyone away from him when he was alive, to profit…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Finish the quotation: ‘The only emotion that the Ghost could show him, caused by the event, was…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What is the name of Scrooge’s nephew?

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1. What name is written on the gravestone?

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1. At the end of the chapter, what does the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come ‘dwindle down’ into?

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1. Finish the quotation: ‘Best and happiest of all, the Time before him was his own, to…’

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| **Answer**: ‘make amends in!’ | **Extension**: Scrooge emerges from the ghostly visits as a completely changed man |

1. Who is ‘old Jacob’ a reference to?

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1. What is the weather like when Scrooge looks out of the window?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What is a ‘poulterer’?

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1. What does Scrooge instruct the boy in the street to purchase?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What word does one of the portly gentlemen fail to fully pronounce when he says ‘munifi––‘?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. What does ‘unanimity’ mean?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Whose salary does Scrooge decide to raise?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Finish the quotation: ‘Scrooge was better than his…’

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

1. Who does Scrooge become a ‘second father’ to?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |



1. What prompts some people to laugh at Scrooge?

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| **Answer**: | **Extension**: |

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| **Notes** |