***A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens**

Useful Words

1. Misanthropy *A dislike of humankind*
2. Poverty *The state of being extremely poor*
3. Parsimonious *Very unwilling to spend money or use resources*
4. Miser *A person who hoards wealth and spends as little money as possible*
5. Avarice *Extreme greed for wealth and material gain*
6. Covetous *Having a great desire to possess something belonging to someone* *else*
7. Precarious *Insecure or uncertain*
8. Destitute *Extremely poor and lacking the means to provide for oneself*
9. Solitary *Existing alone*

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1. Stoical *Enduring pain and hardship without showing one’s feelings or complaining*
2. Apprehension *Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen*
3. Nostalgia *A sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past*
4. Pity *The feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others*
5. Poignant *Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret*
6. Grief *Intense sorrow*
7. Remorse *Deep regret or guilt*

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1. Altruistic *Showing a selfless concern for the well-being of others*
2. Morality *Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behaviour*
3. Benevolent *Well-meaning and kindly*
4. Empathetic *Showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of* *another*
5. Redemption *The action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil*
6. Philanthropy *The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the donation of money*
7. Abundance *A very large quantity of something*
8. Apparition *A ghost or ghostlike image of a person*

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1. Stave *Five parallel lines on which musical notes are written*
2. Gothic *A genre of literature characterised by darkness, mystery, conflict, and the supernatural*
3. Didactic *A text that is intended to teach a moral lesson*
4. Bildungsroman *A text that focuses on the psychological and moral growth of a character*
5. Allegory *A story, reference or image that reveals an important message or has a wider meaning*
6. Allusion *An indirect reference*
7. Foreshadow *A warning or indication about a future event*
8. Pathetic Fallacy *The projection of human emotions onto the natural world*
9. Symbolism *The use of images or objects to convey wider meanings*
10. Foil *An intentional contrast between two characters*