

# A Christmas Carol

## Stave-by-Stave Questions

'Bah!' said Scrooge. 'Humbug!'



1. When was the novel published?

**Answer:** 1843

**Extension:** The 'hungry forties' was a period of economic depression and misery

2. In which city is it set?

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

3. What is the name of Scrooge's former business partner?

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

4. For how many years has he been dead?

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

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

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

6. What is the 'treadmill' a reference to?

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

7. What is a 'union workhouse'?

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

8. In which area of London is Scrooge's house located?

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

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

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

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

**Answer:**

**Extension:**

11. What is an 'apparition'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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12. Finish the quotation: 'Scrooge had often heard it said that Marley had no bowels, but...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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13. Finish the quotation: 'I wear the chain I...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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14. How many spirits is Scrooge told will haunt him?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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15. What does Scrooge see out his window at the end of the chapter?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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**Notes**

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

<b>Answer:</b> Midnight	<b>Extension:</b> The subsequent striking of the clock creates tension at this stage of the novel
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2. What time does he recall going to bed?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. At what time does the Ghost of Christmas Past appear?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. What does the word 'jocund' (as in the 'jocund travellers came on') mean?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. What is the name of Scrooge's sister?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. What is the name of Fezziwig's other clerk?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. Finish the quotation: 'Fezziwig, skipping down from...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. How many daughters does Fezziwig have?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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9. What is the name of Scrooge's fiancé?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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10. What 'Idol' displaced her?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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11. Finish the quotation: 'Leave me! Take me back! Haunt me...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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12. What does Scrooge do right at the end of the chapter?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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1. Where does the Ghost of Christmas Present appear?

<b>Answer:</b> The adjoining room	<b>Extension:</b> The room is bathed in brilliant light and heat and piled high with delicious food
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2. What is 'Plenty's horn'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. Finish the quotation: 'Scrooge entered timidly, and...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. What is the colour of the robe that the Ghost of Christmas Present wears?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. Finish the quotation: 'I learned a lesson which is...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. What happens when Scrooge touches the robe?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. What is the Ghost of Christmas Present's 'uncommon torch' able to do when angry words are exchanged?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. How many rooms does Bob Cratchit's house have?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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9. Where is Tiny Tim sitting when he and Bob enter the house?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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10. Finish the quotation: 'Such a bustle ensued that you might've thought a goose the...?'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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11. What is the 'speckled cannon-ball' a reference to?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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12. Who does Bob claim is the 'Founder of the Feast'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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13. What does 'baleful' mean?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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14. What does 'plaintive' mean?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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15. Who is Scrooge taken to observe after the miners?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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16. Finish the quotation: 'There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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17. What is the name of Scrooge's nephew?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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18. What is the name of 'comical fellow'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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19. Who plays the blind man in blind-man's buff?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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20. What does 'imperceptibly' mean?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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21. Who grows 'older, clearly older'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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22. What is the name of the boy?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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23. What is the name of the girl?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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24. What is written on the boy's brow?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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**Notes**



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

<b>Answer:</b> Green	<b>Extension:</b> A colour symbolic of life and vitality
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2. Who is likely to have a 'cheap funeral'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. Who is Old Scratch?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. Finish the quotation: 'The whole quarter reeked with crime, with filth and...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. Finish the quotation: 'He frightened everyone away from him when he was alive, to profit...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. Finish the quotation: 'The only emotion that the Ghost could show him, caused by the event, was...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. What is the name of Scrooge's nephew?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. What name is written on the gravestone?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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9. At the end of the chapter, what does the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come 'dwindle down' into?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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**Notes**

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

<b>Answer:</b> 'make amends in!'	<b>Extension:</b> Scrooge emerges from the ghostly visits as a completely changed man
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2. Who is 'old Jacob' a reference to?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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3. What is the weather like when Scrooge looks out of the window?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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4. What is a 'poulterer'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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5. What does Scrooge instruct the boy in the street to purchase?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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6. What word does one of the portly gentlemen fail to fully pronounce when he says 'munifi—'?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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7. What does 'unanimity' mean?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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8. Whose salary does Scrooge decide to raise?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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9. Finish the quotation: 'Scrooge was better than his...'

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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10. Who does Scrooge become a 'second father' to?

<b>Answer:</b>	<b>Extension:</b>
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11. What prompts some people to laugh at Scrooge?

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