

Christmas Carol

ANSWER KEY

STAVE 1 Marley's Ghost

Part 1

1. seized
2. hard
3. kept
4. inside
5. temperature
6. Scrooge
7. colder
8. question
9. stopped
10. asked
11. seemed
12. doorways

Part 2

- a. No, he was not liked very much because he did not have many friends. Scrooge was his only friend and only mourner.
- b. Nobody said "Hello" to him in the street; nobody invited him to his house. Even the beggars asked him to give them a penny.
- c. i) Because it's a time for paying bills without money.
ii) Secondly, it's a time you find yourself a year older and not an hour richer.
- d. He thought Christmas was not only a religious time but also a kind, forgiving and pleasant time.
 1. The poor people
 2. The prisoners
 3. The people in workhouses
- e. Scrooge's house had a cellar with casks in it. It also has a sitting room, a bedroom and a spare room. The rooms once belong to his partner Marley. They were gloomy rooms in an old building up a yard.
- f. It was Marley's face he saw in the knocker. Then he saw his ghost in the bedroom. According ghost's schedule, Scrooge will be haunted by three spirits: The first spirit will come when the clock strikes one the next day. He should expect the second spirit the next night at the same hour. And the third one will come when the last stroke of twelve has died out. And then the ghost of Marley will no more come to Scrooge.
- g. The ghost in the white waistcoat is trying to walk with a huge iron safe attached to its leg. It is attempting to help a poor woman with a child but she fails so she cries terribly.

STAVE 2 The First of the Three Spirits

Part 1

1. Scrooge
2. the Ghost
3. the Boy
4. the Schoolmaster
5. the Ghost
6. Fezziwig
7. Scrooge
8. the Ghost
9. Scrooge
10. the girl

Part 2

1. When he went to bed, it was past two. However, it's twelve now.
2. It was a strange figure-like a child and yet like an old man.
3. He held the light in his hand.
4. He likes the place he has grown up. He has a lot of sweet memories which are connected with pleasant smells. His feelings easily come back.
5. The little boy, which is himself, his sister little Fan and Ali Baba, with his ass.
6. He can change the things and the people. He can bring the old times back.
7. When he was young, he was more interested in the happiness of his family, but as he got older he would measure everything by gain.

STAVE 3 The Second of the Three Spirits

Part 1/A

1. frightened
2. clothed
3. crowding
4. quarrel
5. swept
6. contended
7. rapidly

Part 1/B

Sample sentences with the words in the box

1. frightened; frightening
It is frightening to think the horrors of nuclear war.
2. clothed; clothe
When I was a young boy, my father did not earn enough to feed and clothe the family.
3. crowding; crowd
The final match between FB and BJK attracted a large crowd.
4. quarrel
The opposition quarrelled with the government over the EU policies.
5. sweep; sweeper
Since the sweepers are on strike, the rubbish has accumulated on the streets.
6. contended
This government has a lot of problems to contend with after the general elections.
7. rapidly; rapid
The rapid movements of his hands were difficult to follow, so he cheated the audience.

Part 2

1. They were decorated with bright berries, the leaves of holly, mistletoe and ivy.
2. Piled on the floor were turkeys, joints of meat, mince spice, plum puddings, bright red apples, oranges, sweet pears, bowls of punch and many other kinds of food and drink.
3. The Ghost was clothed in one simple green robe with fur. Its hair was long and free; its shining eye, its open hand, its cheerful voice and its joyful manner.
4. When he touched its robe, the room with everything in it disappeared in a moment. They found themselves in the city streets on Christmas morning.
5. When there were angry words between some hurrying dinner-carriers, the ghost threw a few drops of water at them from his torch, and their good-humour came back in a moment.
6. Bob Cratchit
Mrs. Cratchit
Belinda Cratchit
Martha
Tiny Tim
Master Peter Cratchit
Two smaller Cratchits
The boy and the girl
7. Tiny Tim carried a little crutch, and had his legs supported by an iron frame because he was lame.
8. a) A place where miners live
b) A lighthouse by the sea
c) A ship through lonely darkness over the sea.
9. There were two children, a boy and a girl who looked thin, old and evil.
10. A phantom.

STAVE 4 The Last of the Spirits

A summary of the chapter.

The Phantom was dressed in deep black, and nothing of it could be seen but no one outstretched hand. Scrooge feared this silent shape so much that he trembled beneath him. But he was also eager to go with him. Together they entered the city. The Spirit stood beside a little group of businessmen and Scrooge listened to their talk. They were talking a man's death and his funeral. His friends would attend the funeral if wood was given. The Phantom pointed to two persons, two men of business, rich and important. Phantom's unseen eyes made him tremble and cold. In a dark part of the town Scrooge and the Phantom saw two women and a man entering the shop carrying a bundle. These three people were talking about a dead man. They opened their bundles to show the things they brought. Old Joe was the buyer. Scrooge saw himself in the life of this dead businessman who was uncared for. Many thoughts passing through his mind made the room a dreadful place for him.

The Phantom showed Scrooge a room where a mother and her children were. Then her husband arrived and their talk showed that they owed money to him and the death of the man would probably free them from their debt. Now they were relaxed.

Scrooge and the Ghost later went to poor Bob Cratchit's house where noisy little Cratchits were very quiet. But all the family was very happy together with their father, Bob. They sat about the fire and talked. Bob told them of the great kindness of Mr. Scrooge's nephew. When the nephew saw him look sad, he told him that he was very sorry. He gave Bob his card in case he might need it. Mrs. Cratchit also thought and believed that he was a good soul.

As a next visiting place, the Ghost of Christmas took him to a churchyard. The Spirit stood among the graves, and pointed down to one. He walked towards it trembling. Scrooge was also trembling because it read upon the stone of the lonely grave his own name, EBENEZER SCROOGE.

STAVE 5 The End of It

Part 1

1. b
2. g
3. k
4. j
5. a
6. e
7. d
8. h
9. f
10. i
11. c

Part 2

- a. He decided raise Bob's salary.
- b. He decided to help his family.
- c. He decided to treat Tiny Tim not only like a good master but also like a good friend.

Part 3 Main Idea

This story tells us that it is good for people to change for good, which gives a great satisfaction to an individual. This change made Scrooge's own heart laugh. As he did, we have to show the great change in ourselves by hepling the people in need on good occasions such as Christmas times and Bayrams.