**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

*Charles Dickens*

**Chapter 1: The Knocker**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

It was …………………. Eve in London. The ……………………… in the church were ringing all day long, the ………………… in the shop windows were lit and you could see people …………………….. quickly through the snow-covered streets. That special …………………………… which people only seem to have at Christmas was everywhere. Everywhere, that is, except ……………… one place.

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

The night ………………………….. (get) cold. The wind …………………. (blow) the snow up from the ground and made it difficult to see. When Scrooge …………………. (come) to his front door, he …………………. (stop) to find his key. There …………………. (be) a large old knocker on the door. It …………………. (look) like a round ball with lines on it. Suddenly, the knocker …………………. (change), and it …………………. (be) no longer a ball but the face of a man. It …………………. (be) the face of Jacob Marley, Scrooge’s old partner. But Jacob Marley …………………. (be) dead! So whose …………………. (be) this face? And why …………………. (be) he red-eyed and …………………. (cry) like a madman?

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. When did the events of the Chapter 1 take place?
2. What was Ebenezer Scrooge?
3. What was Bob Cratchit?
4. Who was Fred to Scrooge?
5. Why did Scrooge call Christmas ‘humbug’?
6. According to Scrooge, why are people poor?
7. What did a young boy want to do when he came into the shop?
8. Why was Scrooge so scared when he looked at the knocker?
9. In your opinion, what emotions did Scrooge and Cratchit have at that day?
10. How do you feel when a holiday is coming?

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**Chapter 2: The Ghost of Jacob Marley**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

Scrooge lived …………………. in an old and empty house. Only one room had furniture and that was his …………………. where he lived. He went to his room, as he did every …………………. and lit the fire. Then he changed his …………………. and put a pot of soup on the fire. As he sat, waiting for the soup to …………………., he heard a bell, and then another bell. Soon, …………………. of bells were ringing all over the house.

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

“Jacob, what …………………. (do) you here? What …………………. (want) you from me?”

Jacob Marley …………………. (look) tired. He …………………. (wear) a white suit. His hair …………………. (stand) on end, and his eyes …………………. (be) red and sad. He …………………. (sit) down in a chair opposite Scrooge.

“I …………………. (be) here, Ebenezer, to help you. I …………………. (not want) you to become unhappy, like I am.”

“But you …………………. (make) lots of money, Jacob. You …………………. (be) a good businessman. How …………………. (can) you be unhappy?”

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Why did Scrooge get angry with himself?
2. Were Scrooge’s nights routine or unusual?
3. Where was the meeting of Scrooge with his old partner?
4. Why was Jacob Marley wearing the chains?
5. How many ghosts will come to visit Scrooge tonight?
6. How did Scrooge feel after the meeting?
7. Would you talk to a ghost if one came over to visit you? Why?

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**Chapter 3: The Ghost of Christmas Past**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

“Jacob Marley said three more …………………. are going to visit me tonight while I’m sleeping. If I …………………. awake, perhaps they’ll never come. What is …………………. all about anyway? What did he mean, you still have a ………………….?”

The wind blew harder outside, and the …………………. In the fireplace started to get low. Scrooge got into bed, which had …………………. curtains around it. He closed the curtains to keep out the …………………..

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

Suddenly, Scrooge …………………. (begin) to feel differently. School …………………. (be) a sad place for him. It …………………. (be) an old dark stone building. They …………………. (go) inside. There …………………. (be) a small boy, all alone, …………………. (read) at a desk. Scrooge …………………. (try) to turn away.

“…………………. (not show) me this.”

“But why? You …………………. (not know) who that is?”

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Did Scrooge fall asleep?
2. What color was the ghost of a man dressed in?
3. Why was the ghost called Christmas Past?
4. Where did Scrooge and the ghost go?
5. Which place made Scrooge feel joy?
6. Which place made Scrooge feel sad?
7. Why did Scrooge’s eyes fill with tears?
8. Where were you born? Does that place make you feel happy or upset?
9. Have you ever been left alone on Christmas Day?

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**Chapter 4: More Memories**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

“You were a …………………. young man.”

Scrooge was not listening. His eye were on the young girl, his ………………….. She had pale skin, dark …………………. and a soft voice. Everything about her seemed gentle and …………………. .

“Oh Ebenezer, I was so …………………. when father told me to go and bring you ………………….. I’ve missed you so! And father is very ………………….. He’s a kind man now, not like before. I think you two will …………………. much better now.”

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

They …………………. (walk) outside and it …………………. (be) night-time. As they …………………. (walk), the buildings …………………. (change). Time …………………. (move) as they moved, but Scrooge …………………. (not notice). He …………………. (be) too busy thinking. They …………………. (come) to a bridge. A man and a woman wearing black …………………. (stand) on it. The woman …………………. (look) like she …………………. (cry). Scrooge …………………. (stop) before they …………………. (get) too close.

“…………………. (not make) me see that again, Ghost, I …………………. (beg) you. I …………………. (do) anything you want.”

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Who travelled in the carriage where the ghost and Scrooge were?
2. Did Scrooge’s sister die old or young?
3. Was Scrooge happy to see the shop where he got his first job?
4. Was Mr. Fezziwig as good a boss as Scrooge?
5. How do you think who were those man and woman on the bridge?
6. Would you like to see some moments from your past again? Why?

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**Chapter 5: Scrooge’s First Love**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

The difference …………………. the young man and the young woman on the bridge was in their faces. The woman’s eyes were …………………. with tears. The man’s eyes were …………………. and excited by the possibilities of the future. But the man tried to …………………. his excitement as he listened to the woman.

“There was a time when I thought your …………………. And mine were the same. Everything I …………………., you ………………….. Everything I …………………., you ………………….. It is not like that now. You have …………………. love.”

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

The ghost and Scrooge …………………. (go) inside with them. The house …………………. (be) small and poor, but a fire …………………. (burn) in the fireplace and the children’s excitement …………………. (fill) the room with joy. Belle …………………. (sit) with her husband, smiling more and more brightly as the children …………………. (open) their Christmas gifts.

“Look at Belle and her husband, Ghost! They …………………. (have) so many children and each one …………………. (give) them such happiness.”

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Why was the woman on the bridge crying?
2. Was money always very important for Scrooge?
3. How did Belle feel after many years of marriage?
4. Why was Belle’s husband sad in the evening?
5. Do you think Scrooge was envious of Belle’s husband?
6. Why, in your opinion, did Scrooge shout ‘no’ three times?

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**Chapter 6: Bob Cratchit’s House**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

Scrooge sat up and put on his ………………….. The curtains around his bed opened ………………….. A bright light filled the ………………….. There was a table near the fireplace covered with ………………….. A big man wearing a green robe was sitting at the table and …………………. at him.

“I am the …………………. of Christmas Present, Ebenezer. Get up and …………………. to me.”

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

Scrooge …………………. (do) as the ghost …………………. (say), and immediately they …………………. (be) outside. It …………………. (be) daytime and the streets …………………. (fill) with people laughing and clearing the snow away from their front doors. For the first time in his life, Scrooge …………………. (see) that these people …………………. (be) truly happy. The ghost …………………. (smile) at everyone he passed even though they couldn’t see him.

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Which ghost did Scrooge meet in the chapter?
2. How did Scrooge feel about the ghosts?
3. Where did Scrooge and the ghost go?
4. Was the house they stopped at big and beautiful?
5. What was wrong with Bob Cratchit’s youngest son?
6. What did the Cratchits eat for Christmas Dinner?
7. What did Mrs. Cratchit think about Mr. Scrooge? Do you agree with her opinion?
8. Who do you thank at Christmas Dinner, if any? Why/ why not?

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**Chapter 7: Scrooge’s Nephew**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

It was night-time and the …………………. blew the snow off the roofs of the houses. But Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present could not …………………. the cold. As they were walking, they saw a ………………….. And the very next moment, as if by …………………., they were inside Fred’s house. It was after …………………. and the candles were glowing. A group of …………………. was sitting around a long table eating Christmas pudding. Fred was …………………..

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

The ghost …………………. (take) Scrooge by the arm and took him outside again. Scrooge …………………. (think) about the fun everybody …………………. (have) at Fred’s party. He …………………. (feel) so happy. He …………………. (not see) that the ghost …………………. (be) no longer next to him. The church bells …………………. (ring).

“What time …………………. (be) it? …………………. (be) it night-time already?”

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Where did Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present go in that chapter?
2. How did Fred feel for his uncle?
3. How did Fred’s wife and her sisters feel for Fred’s uncle?
4. Why is Scrooge unhappy, to his nephew’s mind?
5. Which game did Scrooge want to watch in Fred’s house?
6. How did Scrooge feel after the visit to his nephew’s?
7. Why did Scrooge feel really afraid in the end?
8. Would you be afraid of a ghost if it wore smth black or white? Why?

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**Chapter 8: Tiny Tim**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

Scrooge felt …………………. for the things he saw in his past, and he felt …………………. and …………………. for the people he saw in the present, but now he just wanted to get rid of this ghost and be left ………………….. Scrooge did not really …………………. that he could change and become a ………………….. person.

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

Everyone ………………….. (be) quiet after Peter ………………….. (speak) of Tim. And then Bob Cratchit ………………….. (open) the door. He ………………….. (not be) much older, but his face ………………….. (be) different. There ………………….. (be) dark circles under his eyes because he ………………….. (not sleep) well. He ………………….. (smile) but there ………………….. (be) no light in his eyes.

“I …………………. (see) Mr. Scrooge’s nephew on the street today. He ………………….. (say) that if there ………………….. (be) anything he could do for us, he ………………….. (be) happy to help. He ………………….. (give) me his card. I ………………….. (think) he might be able to get Peter a job. What a good man! He really ………………….. (mean) what he ………………….. (say).”

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. How did Scrooge feel in the company of the third ghost?
2. What did the ghost tell Scrooge?
3. Where did the ghost and Scrooge go that night?
4. How many children were there in Bob Cratchit’s family?
5. What happened to Tiny Tim?
6. How did Scrooge feel after the visit?
7. Do you believe that people can change? Why/ why not?

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**Chapter 9: It Can’t End This Way**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

“They wanted to …………………. him in that for the funeral, but it’s too …………………. for that. I changed it for an …………………. torn one.”

Suddenly, Scrooge …………………. what they were doing with his things.

“She took …………………. (things, after I … after I … And those …………………. on the corner! They were …………………. about me, weren’t they? Is this …………………. it’s going to end? People laughing …………………. me and …………………. my clothes?”

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

There …………………. (be) a light mist all around and everything …………………. (cover) in snow. The only things that could be seen …………………. (be) the gravestones. Some were large and some …………………. (be) small. Each gravestone …………………. (have) the name and the dates of when the person buried there …………………. (live) and …………………. (die). Some …………………. (have) flowers on them and some …………………. (be) cleaner than others. Scrooge …………………. (walk), as if in a dream, and the Ghost of Christmas Future …………………. (be) always close beside him.

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. Where did Scrooge and the ghost go first in the chapter?
2. Who did they see in a very old building in the poor part of London?
3. What was the woman selling?
4. How did Scrooge feel in a cemetery?
5. What did Scrooge’s gravestone look like?
6. Would you like to know your future? Why/ why not?
7. Do you want to change anything in your life?

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**Chapter 10: Christmas Spirit**

*Task 1. Listen and fill in the gaps*

Scrooge went to the …………………. and bought the biggest turkey they had. Then he got into a …………………. and told the driver to take him to the …………………. of someone he wanted to see very badly. The …………………. wore bells which tinkled as it trotted …………………. the streets of London. Scrooge put his …………………. out of the window and wished everyone he saw a Merry Christmas. Then he saw the …………………. who came to his shop on Christmas …………………. asking for money for the poor.

*Task 2. Put the verbs into the correct tense form*

Scrooge …………………. (sit) with his family and their friends and …………………. (have) a lovely dinner. They …………………. (eat), they …………………. (drink), they …………………. (sing) and they …………………. (laugh). When it …………………. (be) time to play the *Yes-No* game, Scrooge …………………. (be) the one who …………………. (mime) himself! Everyone …………………. (laugh) and …………………. (have) lots of fun. Nobody …………………. (can) believe that Scrooge …………………. (be) the same man they …………………. (know) before.

*Task 3. Answer the questions*

1. When did Scrooge wake up (what day was it)?
2. Who did Scrooge visit that day?
3. What did Scrooge buy for the Cratchits?
4. What did Scrooge tell to the man he saw in his shop the other day?
5. What did Scrooge promise to Bob at work?
6. How did Scrooge help Tiny Tim?
7. Who did Scrooge visit last?
8. Why is the chapter called Christmas Spirit? Is there a forth ghost?
9. What is the moral of that story?
10. Did you watch the movie ‘A Christmas Carol’? Is it the same as the book?