

Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol

Pages 8–9

- 1** 1 A; 2 C; 3 B.
2 1 A; 2 B; 3 C.
3 Own answers.

Pages 18–19

- 1** 1 every bit back (and more, because people have to pay him so that they can borrow money from him); 2 a thin nose, cheeks with no life in them, legs that have become like wood, red eyes and thin, blue lips; 3 talks to him, or asks him anything, they don't ask for money, they don't even ask him what the time is; 4 he will find it difficult to work with him after this (he means the clerk will have to look for another job!); 5 goes back to his desk, puts on his scarf and tries to warm himself with his candle, but he is as cold as before; 6 wish him a Merry Christmas; 7 should be boiled with their own pudding and be buried with a piece of holly through their hearts; 8 he doesn't celebrate Christmas and doesn't have enough money to help lazy people.
- 2** 1 Did Scrooge know that Marley was dead?; 2 Do you mean that, Uncle?; 3 Why don't you become a politician?; 4 Will you have dinner with us?
- 3** 1 If people called him Marley, he didn't correct them; 2 If I had my way, I would boil every fool who says 'Merry Christmas' with his own pudding; 3 If I hear another sound from you, you will celebrate Christmas by losing your job!; 4 If they would rather die, (then) they should die quickly.
- 4** Own answers.
5a Own answers.
5b 1 not at first; 2 yes; 3 very frightened, I would start to believe it was real!

Pages 28–29

- 1** 1 B; 2 C; 3 A; 4 B; 5 C; 6 A.
2 1 badly; 2 loudly; 3 unhappily; 4 bravely.
3 1 because; 2 as if; 3 when; 4 so...that; 5 until.
4 Own answers.

Pages 38–39

- 1** 1 C, B, D, A, E; 2 A, D, E, C, B; 3 B, D, A, C, E.
2 1 hard working, keen, quick, full of energy; 2 cold, horrible, selfish, hard hearted; 3 mad with happiness, upset, ashamed, sorry.
3 The following phrases are not in the listening: standing on the dirty streets; some were at the front of their houses; the shops were already shut.

Pages 48-49

- 1** **1** Why did the streets fill/ (were the streets filled) with happy people wearing their best clothes? **2** Why did the Ghost of Christmas Present shake magic on to people? **3** Why did the Ghost of Christmas Present get cross? **4** What was cooking in the pot where Mrs Cratchit normally washed the clothes? **5** What did the Ghost say would happen to Tiny Tim? **6** Why did Scrooge feel ashamed? **7** What was Scrooge's nephew doing?
- 2** **1** Boys were throwing snowballs at each other; **2** People/Everyone pushed ✓ were/ was pushing into each other; **3** When the Cratchits finished they looked at each other and said it was the best goose ever.
- 3** **1** Mrs Cratchit asked where their father and Martha were; **2** Martha told her mother/ said they had to make everything tidy that (this) morning; **3** Tiny Tim said he hoped everyone would remember that God helps children like him.
- 4** **1** They were laughing at/about Scrooge because he said Christmas was a humbug (*Students could also add: and he believed it too!*); **2** His money is no use to him and he doesn't help anyone else with it. (*Students could also add: He doesn't make himself comfortable with it and doesn't enjoy the thought that he will ever help us out with his money!*)

Pages 58-59

- 1** **1** A; **2** A; **3** B; **4** B; **5** C; **6** B
- 2** (*suggested answers*) **1** live through something bad or difficult ; If Tiny Tim died, Bob would suffer terribly; **2** more equal ; It isn't fair that poor people in this story have such a hard time; **3** have the same opinion about something ; They all agreed that Scrooge was a bad person; **4** move something up or higher than it was before; They raised their glasses and wished Uncle Scrooge a Merry Christmas.
- 3 a + b** *Own answers.*

Pages 70-71

- 1** **1** They have gone to the shop to sell things they took/stole from Scrooge/ the dead man after he died; **2** The ghost takes him to the house of a young couple / man and woman because Scrooge wanted to see if anyone felt anything about the death of this man; **3** They were happy that he had died because it would give them more time to find the money they needed to pay back; **4** Tiny Tim has died; **5** The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come takes him to a church where he shows him a stone with Scrooge's name on it; **6** He says he will change his life, will celebrate Christmas all year. He will live in the past, present and future and learn the lessons that the ghosts taught him.
- 2** *Own answers.*
- 3** **1** found; **2** was; **3** would be able; **4** will live; **5** repeated; **6** go; **7** took; **8** are; **9** am here; **10** have been changed
- 4** *Own answers.*

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People stopped celebrating Christmas because they had lost their old way of life.

Life was often bad; Houses were small and dark, many people lived together in small rooms and there was often no safe/clean drinking water.

Being happy (celebrating holidays such as Christmas).

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Terrible places where the poor could go to get food, though they had to work. People often felt they would rather die than end their lives in the poorhouse/workhouse.

They pay part of the money they earn so that if they are ill or lose their job they will be given some money to live on.

They had to go to school between the ages of 5 and 10.

Test

1 F (he's quite happy being Scrooge!); **2** T; **3** F; **4** T; **5** F (he's come to warn him, so he won't have to be like Marley when he dies); **6** T; **7** F; **8** T; **9** F; **10** T; **11** T; **12** F; **13** T; **14** F.