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## A Christmas Carol

A story by Charles Dickens

**Read the story** - Ebenezer Scrooge is a money lender. He is very rich, but he is also very mean. He has no friends. He pays his employee, Bob Cratchit, a very low wage. He doesn't believe in celebrating Christmas. His nephew, Fred, invites him for Christmas dinner, but he refuses. One Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by three ghosts. The ghosts show him his life in the past, the present, and the future.

These are the three ghosts and the things that they show to Scrooge.

The Ghost of Christmas  
Past



The Ghost of Christmas  
Present



The Ghost of Christmas  
Future



**What did each ghost show Scrooge? Write the numbers in the boxes.**

1. Scrooge started work. His boss was very kind and gave a big Christmas party. Scrooge had a great time.

2. When Scrooge was a boy, he went to boarding school. All the boys went home for Christmas, but Scrooge had to stay at school on his own.

3. Tiny Tim will die, because the family is too poor to pay for a doctor. Bob Cratchit will be very unhappy.

4. Some poor people will steal his clothes and sell them.

5. Bob Cratchit is coming home from church with Tiny Tim. Tiny Tim is his youngest child and he is very ill.

6. The Cratchit family is very poor. They are having a very small Christmas dinner, but they are happy because they love each other.

7. Nobody will visit Scrooge's grave, because nobody loves him.

8. All the shops in London are busy and there are decorations everywhere. Some people are buying food for Christmas dinner and some people are going to church.

9. One Christmas, Scrooge will die all alone.

10. Scrooge fell in love with a girl, but he loved money more than he loved her so she left him.

11. Scrooge's nephew Fred is having a Christmas party. Fred's family and friends are playing music, singing and playing games.

12. The girl married another man and had lots of children.

**What do you think will happen next in the story?**

- a. Scrooge will die and become an evil ghost.
- b. Scrooge will become kinder and pay Bob Cratchit more money.
- c. Scrooge will give all his money to Bob Cratchit and Fred.

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## *A Christmas Carol*

This activity is based on the story "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. This worksheet can be used to check the students' comprehension of the movie or book.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each student in the class. You will also need a copy of the movie or (audio) book.

### Procedure

Begin the activity by reading the story at the top of the worksheet to the class.

Then play the movie or read the story "A Christmas Carol."

As the students are watching or listening to the story, they match the sentences to each ghost, depending on the things that each ghost shows Scrooge.

Stop the story or movie when Ebenezer Scrooge has been visited by all three ghosts. Then check the answers with the class.

### Answer Key

The Ghost of Christmas Past: 1, 2, 10, 12

The Ghost of Christmas Present: 5, 6, 8, 11

The Ghost of Christmas Future: 3, 4, 7, 9

Students then predict what will happen next.

Continue watching or reading the story to see what happens, and then check to see if the students' predictions were correct.

### Answer

b. Scrooge will become kinder and pay Bob Cratchit more money.