

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens



It is the story of a bad old man: Ebenezer Scrooge who doesn't like Christmas. He is a stingy and selfish man. He sits in his office on a cold Christmas Eve. His clerk, Bob Cratchit, works in that very cold office because Scrooge doesn't want to spend money on coal for the fire. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is sitting alone in his cold living room at home. Suddenly the ghost of his dead partner, Jacob Marley appears. He says

to Scrooge, "Change your life! You must be a better man. You must be kind to people. Three ghosts will visit you this night." Scrooge is terribly afraid. Then he goes to bed. That night three ghosts come to visit Scrooge. The first is the Ghost of Christmas Past. He takes Ebenezer Scrooge back to the happy days when he was a young man and he celebrated Christmas with other people. He was



so happy. The second ghost is the Ghost of Present and takes Scrooge to a poor but clean room. It is the home of his clerk Bob Cratchit and his family. They are very poor but very kind. Mrs. Cratchit is preparing a small turkey for Christmas dinner but they are happy. There is also Tiny Tim, Bob's little boy. He is very sick, but they haven't money for a doctor. "Look!" the ghost says to Scrooge, "The boy will die if they



don't get money for a doctor." The third ghost is the Ghost of Christmas Future. He takes Scrooge to a cemetery. There is Scrooge's name on a tombstone. Scrooge is frightened and promises to change his way. The ghost disappears. When Scrooge gets up on Christmas morning is a new man. He becomes jolly and charitable



and wishes everyone. "Merry Christmas!". He buys delicious food and many presents for Bob's family and pays for the doctor for little Tim. Scrooge is really a new man and the spirit of Christmas is always with him.



	True	False
1. Scrooge is very poor		
2. Bob Cratchit is Scrooge's clerk.		
3. Four ghosts appear to Scrooge		
4. Bob has a boy: Tiny Tim who is sick		
5. The Ghost of Christmas Present takes Scrooge to the past		
6. The third ghost takes Scrooge to a wonderful garden		
7. Scrooge becomes a good man and pays for the doctors for little Tim		