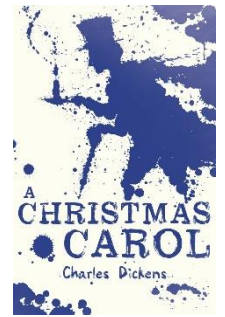


Knowledge Organiser – ‘A Christmas Carol’ By Charles Dickens



Quotes

“Marley was dead, to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that.”

Characters

Scrooge	A selfish business man who is the protagonist of the story.
Jacob Marley	Scrooge’s dead business partner who returns to warn him and change his ways.
The Ghost of Christmas Past	A strange combination of young and old wearing white robes, looking like a candle.
The Ghost of Christmas Present	A jovial gentleman surrounded by a warm glow. He brings joy to the neediest.
The Ghost of Christmas Future	A robed and hooded spirit who confronts Scrooge with his own tombstone.
Bob Cratchitt	Scrooge’s clerk. He is a happy person who loves his family but is very poor.
Tiny Tim	Bob’s son whose story plays a part in inspiring Scrooge’s transformation.

Grammar

Verbs and Tenses

Showing time and cause
Using verbs
Modal verbs and adverbs
Past, present, future tense
Past-perfect, present-progressive

Important Information

Plot

The story follows a wealthy yet selfish business man who is urged to change his ways or be given an awful fate.

Themes

Poverty and greed during the Victorian era.
Compassion, forgiveness and reclamation.
Isolation vs family life.
Transformation.

Setting

The story is set during the Victorian era on a bleak and snowy Christmas Eve. It begins in Scrooge’s place of business (his counting house) but throughout the story he is taken to many different places on his journey.

Key Vocabulary

stave	A verse or stanza
clerk	A person employed in an office or bank to keep records.
unhallowed	Something unholy
ramparts	Anything that acts as a barricade
resolute	A determined outlook
congenial	A pleasant or friendly personality
spectre	Ghost or vision
remorse	To deeply regret something



