

Vocabulary Worksheets A Christmas Carol

**Stave 1 Marley's Ghost**

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Oh, but he was a tightly-fisted hand at the grindstone, Scrooge! a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!

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2. "What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose?"

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3. "I am sorry, with all my heart, to find you so resolute. "

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4. He stopped at the outer door to bestow the feelings of the season on the clerk, who, cold as he was, was warmer than Scrooge; for he returned them cordially.

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5. It certainly was; for they had been two kindred spirits.

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6. At the ominous word "liberality," Scrooge frowned, and shook his head, and handed the credentials back.

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7. "At this festive season of the year, Mr. Scrooge," said the gentleman, taking up a pen, "it is more than usually desirable that we should make some slight provision for the poor and destitute, who suffer greatly at the present time."

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