Stave one

1. For how many years has Marley been dead at the start of the story?
2. How many people attended Marley’s funeral?
3. Complete the missing word: ‘solitary as an …’?
4. How much coal appears to be on the clerk’s fire?
5. Who describes Christmas as ‘a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time’?
6. What do the two portly gentlemen who visit Scrooge want from him?
7. Which ‘establishments’ to help the poor does Scrooge mention?
8. How many days off does Scrooge give his clerk at Christmas?
9. Where does Scrooge first see Marley’s face?
10. Name any one of the components of Marley’s chain.
11. What does Marley drop when he unwraps his bandage?
12. What, according to Marley, should have been his business in life?
13. At the end of the chapter, what word is Scrooge unable to say?
Quiz time

_A Christmas Carol_ by Charles Dickens

**Stave two**

1. At what time of day does the Ghost of Christmas Past visit Scrooge?

2. Circle the word that best describes Scrooge’s school:
   - luxurious
   - melancholy
   - cheerful

3. How does Scrooge spend most Christmases as a boy?

4. What does Scrooge now wish he had done when a carol-singer came to his door the previous night?

5. What does his sister do one Christmas?

6. What is the name of Scrooge’s fellow apprentice?

7. Who is described as ‘one vast substantial smile’?

8. Name one activity or form of entertainment that could be enjoyed at the Christmas party at Scrooge’s old workplace.

9. How does Scrooge react to the Christmas party?

10. Who is being described in these words: ‘The happiness he gives, is quite as great as if it cost a fortune’?

11. Give one of Belle’s reasons for breaking her engagement to Scrooge.

12. What is Scrooge’s regret when he sees Belle’s daughter?

13. What was Scrooge doing as Marley lay dying?

14. What does Scrooge attempt to do to the Ghost of Christmas Past at the end of the chapter?
Quiz time

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Stave three

1. What happens when the bell strikes one?
2. What has happened to Scrooge’s room?
3. How many brothers does the Ghost of Christmas Present have?
4. What is the mood in the streets of London on Christmas Day?
5. Where do the poor take their dinners to be cooked?
6. What is the name of Scrooge’s clerk?
7. Who is wearing his shirt?
8. Where has the clerk taken Tiny Tim?
9. What are the clerk’s family having for Christmas dinner?
10. What does Scrooge want to know before they leave the clerk’s family?
11. In Fred’s opinion, who suffers most from Scrooge’s behaviour?
12. Where else does the Ghost of Christmas Present take Scrooge?
13. Name the two children hidden in the ghost’s robes.
14. Which character(s) propose a toast to Scrooge in this chapter?
Quiz time

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Stave four

1. What colour is the garment of the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come?

2. What emotion does the ghost evoke in Scrooge?

3. The merchants in the stock exchange will only attend the funeral of their late associate on which condition?

4. For what reason have Scrooge’s charwoman, his laundress and the undertaker’s man all come to old Joe’s shop?

5. Where has the shirt brought by the laundress come from?

6. Scrooge is shown a young couple who are pleased at the death. Why do they feel this way?

7. Whose death, mourned with ‘tenderness’, is Scrooge shown to contrast the first he sees?

8. Who has offered help to the Cratchit family?

9. What words are written on the gravestone Scrooge is shown?

10. What happens to the ghost’s hand as it points to this gravestone?
Stave five

1. What day is it when Scrooge awakes from his adventures with the Spirits?

2. Circle the description which best describes the weather:
   - foggy
   - snowy
   - sunny

3. What does Scrooge send to Bob Cratchit and his family?

4. Compared to the start of the novel, what is different about people’s reactions to Scrooge when they meet him in the street?

5. Why is the charity collector surprised when he meets Scrooge?

6. Where does Scrooge go for Christmas dinner?

7. What does Scrooge offer Bob Cratchit when he arrives at work the next day?

8. What becomes of Tiny Tim?
Quiz time

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Stave one answers

1. For how many years has Marley been dead at the start of the story? Seven
2. How many people attended Marley’s funeral? One (Scrooge)
3. Complete the missing word: ‘solitary as an oyster’
4. How much coal appears to be on the clerk’s fire? One coal
5. Who describes Christmas as ‘a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time’? Fred
6. What do the two portly gentlemen who visit Scrooge want from him? Money for their charity to help the poor
7. Which ‘establishments’ to help the poor does Scrooge mention? Prisons and workhouses
8. How many days off does Scrooge give his clerk at Christmas? One (Christmas Day)
9. Where does Scrooge first see Marley’s face? The doorknocker
10. Name any one of the components of Marley’s chain. Cash-boxes/keys/padlocks/ledgers/deeds/heavy purses
11. What does Marley drop when he unwraps his bandage? His lower jaw bone
12. What, according to Marley, should have been his business in life? Mankind/common welfare/charity/mercy/benevolence
13. At the end of the chapter, what word is Scrooge unable to say? Humbug

Stave two answers

1. At what time of day does the Ghost of Christmas Past visit Scrooge? 1am
2. Circle the word that best describes Scrooge’s school: luxurious melancholy cheerful
3. How does Scrooge spend most Christmases as a boy? In school, reading and working
4. What does Scrooge now wish he had done when a carol-singer came to his door the previous night? Given him something (money)
5. What does his sister do one Christmas? Collect him from school and bring him home
6. What is the name of Scrooge’s fellow apprentice? Dick Wilkins
7. Who is described as ‘one vast substantial smile’? Mrs Fezziwig
8. Name one activity or form of entertainment that could be enjoyed at the Christmas party at Scrooge’s old workplace. Music/dancing/forfeits/food/drink
9. How does Scrooge react to the Christmas party? He enjoys it; ‘His heart and soul were in the scene’
10. Who is being described in these words: ‘The happiness he gives, is quite as great as if it cost a fortune’? Fezziwig
11. Give one of Belle’s reasons for breaking her engagement to Scrooge. He is more interested in money (the ‘golden idol’); he is not the same man who proposed to her; she is ‘dowerless’
12. What is Scrooge’s regret when he sees Belle’s daughter? He has missed the opportunity to have a daughter of his own
13. What was Scrooge doing as Marley lay dying? Working alone in his office
14. What does Scrooge attempt to do to the Ghost of Christmas Past at the end of the chapter? Extinguish its light
Quiz time

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Stave three answers

1. What happens when the bell strikes one? Nothing
2. What has happened to Scrooge’s room? It has been transformed - ‘hung with living green’, the fire is blazing, the floor is heaped with Christmas food
3. How many brothers does the Ghost of Christmas Present have? More than eighteen hundred
4. What is the mood in the streets of London on Christmas Day? Cheerful
5. Where do the poor take their dinners to be cooked? Bakers’ shops
6. What is the name of Scrooge’s clerk? Bob Cratchit
7. Who is wearing his shirt? His son, Peter
8. Where has the clerk taken Tiny Tim? Church (to hear the carols)
9. What are the clerk’s family having for Christmas dinner? Goose, apple-sauce, mashed potatoes, Christmas pudding
10. What does Scrooge want to know before they leave the clerk’s family? Whether Tiny Tim will live
11. In Fred’s opinion, who suffers most from Scrooge’s behaviour? Scrooge himself
12. Where else does the Ghost of Christmas Present take Scrooge? A moor where miners live; a lighthouse; a ship at sea; hospitals; jails; homes
13. Name the two children hidden in the ghost’s robes. Ignorance and want
14. Which character(s) propose a toast to Scrooge in this chapter? Bob and Fred

Stave four answers

1. What colour is the garment of the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come? Black
2. What emotion does the ghost evoke in Scrooge? Fear
3. The merchants in the stock exchange will only attend the funeral of their late associate on which condition? If lunch is provided
4. For what reason have Scrooge’s charwoman, his laundress and the undertaker’s man all come to old Joe’s shop? To sell Scrooge’s possessions after his death
5. Where has the shirt brought by the laundress come from? Scrooge’s corpse
6. Scrooge is shown a young couple who are pleased at the death. Why do they feel this way? They will have more time to pay their debt
7. Whose death, mourned with ‘tenderness’, is Scrooge shown to contrast the first he sees? Tiny Tim’s
8. Who has offered help to the Cratchit family? Fred
9. What words are written on the gravestone Scrooge is shown? Ebeneezer Scrooge
10. What happens to the ghost’s hand as it points to this gravestone? It trembles
Stave five

1. What day is it when Scrooge awakes from his adventures with the Spirits? **Christmas day**
2. Circle the description which best describes the weather: **snowy**
3. What does Scrooge send to Bob Cratchit and his family? **The largest turkey in the shop**
4. Compared to the start of the novel, what is different about people’s reactions to Scrooge when they meet him in the street? **They wish him Merry Christmas, rather than ignoring and avoiding him**
5. Why is the charity collector surprised when he meets Scrooge? **Scrooge promises him a large sum of money**
6. Where does Scrooge go for Christmas dinner? **Fred’s**
7. What does Scrooge offer Bob Cratchit when he arrives at work the next day? **A pay rise**
8. What becomes of Tiny Tim? **He does not die; Scrooge becomes a ‘second father’ to him**