



STUDY GUIDE

A Christmas Carol

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NAME _____

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A. Circle the hidden words. They may go across, backward, up, down, or diagonally. Check off each word as you find it.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| _____ CHINK | _____ SOLITARY |
| _____ RUDDY | _____ SHILLINGS |
| _____ MOURNER | _____ PELTING |
| _____ DENSE | _____ HUMBUG |
| _____ GLUM | _____ INFLUENCE |
| _____ BITTER | _____ OYSTER |

W	D	N	E	P	I	W	S	A	J	U	W
Y	E	C	N	E	U	L	F	N	I	S	H
R	N	A	L	L	I	T	T	E	L	G	E
E	S	D	A	T	S	R	U	D	D	Y	T
T	E	E	E	I	E	D	M	Y	M	O	S
S	C	H	I	N	K	R	T	H	E	R	I
Y	M	W	R	G	S	E	H	T	A	W	O
O	I	U	Y	R	A	T	I	L	O	S	W
S	O	L	L	I	B	T	E	W	I	L	N
M	S	I	S	G	N	I	L	L	I	H	S
B	E	P	H	U	M	B	U	G	R	E	Z

B. Write a word from the puzzle to complete each sentence.

1. Scrooge was Marley’s only _____ .
2. Fog poured in every _____ and keyhole.
3. “Bah!” cried Scrooge, “ _____ !”
4. Fred’s face was _____ and handsome.

C. Write a puzzle word under the definition it matches.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. soft-bodied shellfish
_____ | 5. British coins of small value
_____ |
| 2. living or being alone
_____ | 6. beating down hard
_____ |
| 3. unhappy, downhearted
_____ | 7. extremely cold
_____ |
| 4. the power to make a difference
_____ | 8. very thick
_____ |

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Circle a letter to show the best answer to each question.

- 1. If Scrooge was Marley’s “only mourner,” what is implied (suggested but not stated) about Marley?**
 - a. Marley was not liked and would not be missed.
 - b. No funeral was held for Marley.

- 2. What does it mean to say that Scrooge is “solitary as an oyster”?**
 - a. He has the shape of a shellfish.
 - b. He has no friends or social life.

- 3. Why did dogs tug their owners into doorways when they saw Scrooge coming?**
 - a. Scrooge gave them the evil eye.
 - b. Scrooge always kicked dogs.

- 4. Why was it hard to see the houses on the other side of the narrow street?**
 - a. The fog was very thick and dense.
 - b. The houses were very small.

- 5. Why did Scrooge keep the coal box in his own room?**
 - a. There was a shortage of coal that year.
 - b. He didn’t want Cratchit to take any more.

- 6. Why was Scrooge so unpleasant to his nephew Fred?**
 - a. He thought Fred wanted to borrow money.
 - b. Scrooge didn’t believe in Christmas merriment.

- 7. Why did Scrooge think it was foolish for Bob Cratchit to celebrate Christmas?**
 - a. He thought Cratchit was too poor to celebrate anything.
 - b. He wanted Cratchit to be boiled in his own pudding.