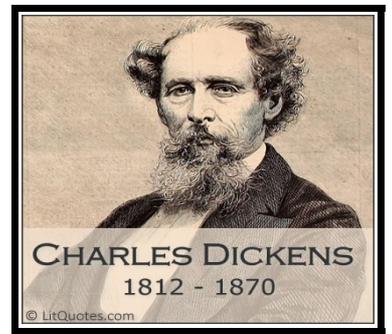


A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens' books are some of the most famous in English. His characters include murderers, thieves and swindlers. Most stories are about poor people, often children. The reason why Dickens wrote so well was that he spoke from experience. When he was a boy his father went to prison because he didn't pay his debts. Charles had to leave school and work in a factory for ten hours a day. He was just 12 years old! He never forgot the poor and needy, even when he was rich and famous.



<p>1. In 'A Christmas Carol' the main character is a man called Scrooge, the oldest, most miserable, and unfriendliest man in London. He has got a nephew, but doesn't give him presents. He hasn't got friends, he doesn't like Christmas and doesn't like seeing people happy- He only likes money! He gets money from the old and the poor, and he doesn't care if they are cold or hungry.</p>	<p>2. It's Christmas Eve, and Scrooge is angry because his clerk - Bob - doesn't have to work the next day. Scrooge's nephew comes to invite him for Christmas Dinner. 'I want you to leave me alone!' Scrooge says angrily.</p> <p>Two men ask Scrooge for a donation so that the poor can eat. 'Aren't there any prisons?' he answers them sarcastically. He doesn't give them a penny.</p>	<p>3. That night the ghost of Jacob Marley visits Scrooge. Marley was his only friend, until he died 7 years before. His ghost - wrapped in chains - warns Scrooge of his punishment if he doesn't change his attitude.</p> <p>'You will be visited by 3 ghosts' says the spirit of Scrooge's only friend. 'I'd rather not!' Scrooge answers nervously. He suddenly gets very frightened.</p>
<p>4. Scrooge (1) _____ in bed when the first ghost (2) _____ him up. It (3) _____ Scrooge to his village when he was young, and Scrooge (4) _____ his past. There (1) _____ some beautiful memories: Scrooge and his sister (5) _____ each other a lot.</p> <p>Scrooge (4) _____ his first boss, who (1) _____ a very kind man, and who (6) _____ him wonderfully. Scrooge (7) _____ very happy.</p>	<p>5. But not all the memories (1) _____ so wonderful. The Ghost of Christmas Past (8) _____ Scrooge a scene when he was young. His fiancée (9) _____ him that she didn't want to marry him because he had changed. He didn't love her as much as he (5) _____ money. Then Scrooge (4) _____ her years later, with her family. Her husband (9) _____ her how lonely Scrooge was. Scrooge (7) _____ angry and (10) _____ into bed.</p>	<p>6. The second ghost (2) _____ Scrooge up. He is the biggest and happiest ghost. He (3) _____ Scrooge to other houses in London. He (4) _____ people celebrating Christmas.</p> <p>Then the ghost (8) _____ Scrooge his clerk's house. Bob (1) _____ very poor because Scrooge (6) _____ him very badly, but his family (5) _____ each other.</p> <p>(1) They _____ enjoying a Christmas dinner together. Scrooge (7) _____ guilty.</p>
<p>7. Bob's youngest son - Tiny Tim - is seriously ill. The ghost (9) _____ Scrooge that the boy will die unless he (10) _____ professional help. The ghost also (3) _____ Scrooge to a poor part of London. It (8) _____ him two poor children. They (1) _____ called Need and Ignorance. Scrooge (7) _____ awful. 'How can we help them?' he asks. 'Aren't there any prisons?' the ghost answers sarcastically.</p>	<p>8. The last ghost is dressed in black and it's impossible to see his face. This ghost shows Scrooge his future. Scrooge (1) _____ alone in his last years. Nobody (5) _____ Scrooge. Not even his nephew (4) _____ him. When he is going to die, people (6) _____ him terribly.</p> <p>'I'm going to change! I promise I (8) _____ people a different Scrooge! I (2) _____ from my greed and love of money!'</p>	<p>9. Scrooge is a different man! He wakes up and goes to his clerk's house. He gives Bob money and a turkey, and promises to help Tiny Tim. He shouts "Merry Christmas!" to everyone he sees. He visits his nephew and gives presents to the family. They are happy to see Scrooge and invite him for dinner. Scrooge puts Tiny Tim on his shoulder: he laughs and sings- Scrooge is a happy man!</p>



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