



A Christmas Carol

a story by Charles Dickens (1812–1870)

Read the story.

Ebenezer Scrooge is a money lender. He is very rich but he is also very mean. He has no friends. He pays his employee, Bob Cratchit, a very low wage. He doesn't believe in celebrating Christmas. His nephew, Fred, invites him for Christmas dinner but he refuses.

One Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by three ghosts. The ghosts show him his life in the past, the present and the future.

These are the three ghosts and the things that they show to Scrooge. Write the number of each sentence in the picture of the correct ghost.

The Ghost of Christmas Past



The Ghost of Christmas Present



The Ghost of Christmas Future



- All the shops in London are busy and there are decorations everywhere. Some people are buying food for Christmas dinner and some people are going to church.
- When Scrooge was a boy, he went to boarding school. All the boys went home for Christmas but Scrooge had to stay at school on his own.
- One Christmas, Scrooge will die all alone.
- Some poor people will steal his clothes and sell them.
- Bob Cratchit is coming home from church with Tiny Tim. Tiny Tim is his youngest child and he is very ill.
- The Cratchit family are very poor. They are having a very small Christmas dinner but they are happy because they love each other.
- Nobody will visit Scrooge's grave because nobody loves him.
- Scrooge started work. His boss was very kind and gave a big Christmas party. Scrooge had a great time.
- Tiny Tim will die because the family is too poor to pay for a doctor. Bob Cratchit will be very unhappy.
- Scrooge fell in love with a girl, but he loved money more than he loved her so she left him.
- Scrooge's nephew Fred is having a Christmas party. Fred's family and friends are playing music, singing and playing games.
- The girl married another man and had lots of children.

What happens next?

What do you think will happen next in the story?

- Scrooge will die and become an evil ghost.
- Scrooge will become kinder and pay Bob Cratchit more money.
- Scrooge will give all his money to Bob Cratchit and Fred.