



5. Text Comprehension

Teaching notes

Time

30–40 minutes

Level

Medium

Skills Focus

Vocabulary, listening, writing.

Aim

To familiarise the students with scenes from *A Christmas Carol* and the vocabulary used in them. Also, the activity helps them to understand what is happening within the scene and to be able to choose the relevant information to answer the question.

Answer key

1. Scrooge uses, 'Humbug' as an expression of disbelief or distaste for something.
2. Jacob Marley was Scrooge's business partner.
3. No, Bob Cratchit is poor.
4. Scrooge hates Christmas because he sees it as a waste of money.
5. Bob Cratchit gets one day holiday every year – Christmas day.
6. He thinks that poor people should go to poor houses or prisons.
7. Jacob Marley's chains signify his unkindness and bad acts in life.
8. He visits Scrooge to warn him to be a better person.
9. She is collecting money to feed, clothe and give shelter to the poor.
10. The visitors are ghosts of the past, present and future.

