

Vocabulary Exercises

A Christmas Carol

Name: _____

Vocabulary 1

Supernatural				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“Marley’s spirit is the first in a series of ghostly visitors who offer visions of the past, present, and future . . .” (blurb).</i></p> <p><i>“Scrooge . . . found himself face to face with an unearthly visitor . . . It was a strange figure—like a child; yet not so like a child as an old man, viewed through some <u>supernatural</u> medium . . .” (p. 27).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p><u>Supernatural</u> means <i>an order beyond the visible, observable universe</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 2A

Carol				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“First published in 1843, A Christmas <u>Carol</u> was an instant success and has remained a holiday favorite ever since” (blurb).</i></p> <p><i>“The owner of a scant young nose . . . stooped down at Scrooge’s keyhole to regale him with a Christmas <u>carol</u> . . . ‘God bless you merry gentleman! May nothing you dismay!’” (p. 11).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>A <u>carol</u> is a <i>song or hymn</i> that <i>expresses joy</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence:				
(While _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 2B

Dirge				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p>“. . . [Scrooge] became sensible to the confused noises in the air; incoherent sounds of lamentation and regret; wailings inexpressibly sorrowful and self-accusatory. The spectre, after listening for a moment, joined in the mournful <u>dirge</u>; and floated out upon the bleak, dark night” (p. 23).</p>			
Definition:	<p>A <u>dirge</u> is a song or hymn that expresses sorrow such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (While ____, ____.)				

Vocabulary 3

Bitter				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“Marley’s spirit is the first in a series of ghostly visitors who offer visions of the past, present, and future—warnings that transform a bitter old miser into a charitable and compassionate man” (blurb).</i></p> <p><i>“No wind that blew was bitterer than [Scrooge] . . .” (p. 3).</i></p> <p><i>“Foggier yet, and colder! Piercing, searching, biting cold” (p. 10).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>Bitter means <i>intensely unpleasant or biting, especially in coldness or rawness</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Because _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 4

Incredulous				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“No, nor did he believe it now. Though he looked the phantom through and through and saw it standing before him . . . he was still <u>incredulous</u> and fought against his senses” (p. 17).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p><u>Incredulous</u> means <i>unwilling to admit or accept what is offered as true</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 5A, Figurative Language

Shadowed		Verb
Context:	<p><i>"It was the thing he liked. To edge his way along the crowded paths of life . . ."</i> (shadowed inferred, p. 3).</p> <p><i>"Marley's face was not in impenetrable shadow as the other objects in the yard were but had a dismal light about it"</i> (p. 13).</p> <p><i>"Why did I walk through the crowds of fellow-beings with my eyes turned down, and never raise them to that blessed Star . . .? Were there no poor homes to which its light would have conducted me?"</i> (shadowed inferred, p. 22).</p>	
Definition:	<p>Shadowed means <i>to have cast a shadow or darkness upon something</i> such as . . .</p>	
Context:	Literal Context:	Figurative Context:
Simile:	<p>Ebenezer Scrooge's life is as shadowed as . . .</p>	

Vocabulary 5B, *Figurative Language*

Chains		Plural Noun
Context:	<p><i>“The <u>chain</u> he drew was clasped about his middle. It was long and wound about him like a tail; and it was made . . . of cashboxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought with steel” (p. 16).</i></p> <p><i>“I wear the <u>chain</u> I forged in life . . . I made it link by link, and yard by yard” (p. 19).</i></p> <p><i>“The air was filled with phantoms . . . Every one of them word <u>chains</u> like Marley’s ghost; some few . . . were linked together; none were free” (p. 24).</i></p>	
Definition:	<p><u>Chains</u> are a series of connected links that are used to confide, restrain, or secure something such as . . .</p>	
Context:	Literal Context:	Figurative Context:
Simile:	<p><i>Jacob Marley wears the chains of . . .</i></p>	

Vocabulary 6

Regret				Verb
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“. . . he became sensible of confused noises in the air; incoherent sounds of lamentation and <u>regret</u> . . .” (p. 23).</i></p> <p><i>“There was a boy singing a Christmas Carol at my door last night. I should like to have given him something . . .” (regret inferred, p. 33).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>To regret means <i>to be very sorry for something</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence:	<p>(After ____, ____.)</p>			

Vocabulary 7

Idol				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“There was an eager, greedy, restless motion in the eye, which showed the passion that had taken root . . .” (idol inferred, p. 41).</i></p> <p><i>“It matters little . . . to you, very little. Another idol has displaced me . . . A golden one . . . I have seen your nobler aspirations fall of one by one, until the master-passion, Gain, engrossed you” (pp. 41–42).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>An idol is an object of extreme devotion such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Since ____, ____.)				

Vocabulary 8

Benevolent				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“ . . . he rubbed his hands; adjusted his capacious waistcoat; laughed all over himself, from his organ of <u>benevolence</u> . . . ‘No more work to-night. Christmas Eve . . . ’” (pp. 36–37).</i></p> <p><i>“Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and <u>benevolence</u>, were, all, my business” (p. 21).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p><u>Benevolent</u> means <i>having a desire to do good</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence:				
(When ____, ____.)				

Vocabulary 9

Humility				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p>Tiny Tim embodies <u>humility</u> when he hopes that people who see his crutch in church will remember <i>“who made lame beggars walk and blind men see”</i> (<i>humility</i> inferred, p. 59).</p> <p>Bob Cratchit acts with <u>humility</u> when he gives a respectful toast to Scrooge. <i>“I’ll give you Mr. Scrooge, the founder of the feast!”</i> (<i>humility</i> inferred, p. 63).</p> <p><i>“Scrooge hung his head to hear his own words quoted by the Spirit”</i> (<i>humility</i> inferred, p. 62).</p> <p><i>“Scrooge bent before the Ghost’s rebuke and trembling, cast his eyes upon the ground”</i> (<i>humility</i> inferred, p. 63).</p>			
Definition:	<p><u>Humility</u> is a freedom from pride or arrogance such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (While _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 10

Ignorance				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<i>"This boy is <u>Ignorance</u>. This girl is Want. Beware them both . . . but most of all beware this boy . . ."</i> (p. 76).			
Definition:	<u>Ignorance</u> is the state of having a lack of knowledge, education, or awareness such as . . .			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Unless _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary Grading Sheet

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