

Vocabulary From Literature for...

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Stave I

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

ironmongery (11)
destitute (15)
fettered (23)
repose (26)

palpable (13)
facetious (16)
susceptible (24)

counting-house (13)
impenetrable (18)
benevolence (24)

1. _____ capable of being felt
2. _____ goodness toward others
3. _____ yielding readily to; impressionable
4. _____ poor
5. _____ a room or building used by accountants for business
6. _____ playful, joking, lighthearted
7. _____ a hardware dealer business making iron objects
8. _____ rest, relaxation
9. _____ chained, bound
10. _____ incapable of being pierced, entered, or seen through

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Stave 2

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withered (34)
recumbent (28)

cupola (31)
strife (34)

resolution (28)

1. _____ a domed roof
2. _____ shriveled up
3. _____ an angry competition, fight
4. _____ lying down, resting
5. _____ a decision

capacious (34)
negus (35)

thoroughfares (34)
opaque (27)

aspirations (37)
fluctuated (29)

7. _____ major roads or streets
8. _____ changed or varied often and in an irregular manner; wavered
9. _____ a hot drink of wine and lemon juice
10. _____ high ambitions
11. _____ roomy, spacious
12. _____ resistant to light; not translucent or transparent

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Stave 3

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consolation (44)
supposition (51)
zeal (49)

predicament (44)
declension (49)

artifice (45)
credulity (50)

1. _____ a downward slope or bend
2. _____ a hoax, trickery
3. _____ enthusiasm, passion
4. _____ a theory
5. _____ gullibility, naïveté
6. _____ a trying or embarrassing situation
7. _____ a comfort

rebuke (52)
admiration (50)

contortion (55)
capacity (43)

menagerie (58)
compulsion (45)

8. _____ a collection or area for wild animals
9. _____ the ability or aptitude to do something
10. _____ something misshapen or distorted
11. _____ force, impulsion
12. _____ respect, esteem
13. _____ to reprimand

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Staves 4-5

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

change (62)
calico (67)

excrescence (63)
dumb (67)

resolutions (64)
unanimity (79)

offal (64)
malady (80)

1. _____ white or unbleached cotton with no printed design
2. _____ having no power of speech; mute
3. _____ plans, decisions, aspirations
4. _____ place where merchants meet to transact business; an exchange
5. _____ a growth on the body or on an organ of the body
6. _____ complete agreement in opinion; unanimous
7. _____ any disordered or disturbed condition
8. _____ internal parts of an animal, such as the heart or liver

dialogue (67)
quantity (62)

alteration (80)
extravagance (75)

array (79)
repute (64)

sepulchers (64)

9. _____ a change, modification
10. _____ burial vaults, tombs, or graves
11. _____ a conversation in which two or more take part
12. _____ measure, amount
13. _____ public opinion; general report
14. _____ extreme excess in behavior or speech, lavishness
15. _____ an arrangement

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Activity II
Writing Synonyms
from Context Clues
Staves 4-5

Directions: Replace each highlighted word in the following pages with the synonym that best fits the context of the sentence.

1. It was **shrouded** in a deep black garment, which concealed its head, its face, its form, and left nothing of it visible save for one outstretched hand. But for this it would have been difficult to **detach** its figure from the night, and separate it from the darkness by which it was surrounded. (Pg. 61)

Synonym for **shrouded**:

Synonym for **detach**:

2. But Scrooge was all the worse for this. It thrilled him with a **vague** uncertain horror, to know that behind the dusky shroud there were ghostly eyes **intently** fixed upon him, while he, though he stretched his own to the utmost, could see nothing but a spectral hand and one great heap of black. (Pg. 62)

Synonym for **vague**:

Synonym for **intently**: