

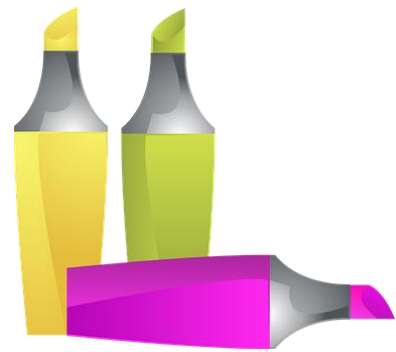
Grouping quotations into themes

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

1. Below is a selection of key quotations from each stave of Dickens' novel. Your job is to group the quotations into the following categories after you have read each stave, or to revise the whole text.

Use the boxes on the left to make a colour key for each category, then colour the quotations that fit that category.

If you think a quotation applies to two or more categories, either split the box in half or choose the best fit.



<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations about Scrooge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations about the Cratchits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations about the characters neglected by Scrooge (Belle, Fred, Fezziwig)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations about the Spirits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations which show Dickens' feelings about society, wealth and poverty
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations which are about how Christmas is a redemptive time of year
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quotations which use the weather or nature to create mood/atmosphere.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other?

2. Using a dictionary, find the meaning of five words you don't understand in these quotations and write out the definition.
3. Using another key of your own design, identify Dickens' use of techniques in the following quotations. For example, you could draw a small star in all of the boxes where pathetic fallacy or similes are used.
4. Select three of the quotations which use a language technique and explain their effect e.g. 'The phantom slowly, gravely, silently approached.' *The use of the rule of three emphasises the sinister and morbid nature of the final Spirit.*

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'Scrooge was his sole executor, his sole administrator, ... his sole mourner.'	'He was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, Scrooge.'	'A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!'	'Hard and sharp as flint.'	'Solitary as an oyster.'
'No wind that blew was bitterer than he.'	'Foul weather didn't know where to have him.'	'Even the blind men's dogs would tug their owners into doorways.'	'It was cold, bleak, biting weather.'	'Scrooge kept the coal-box in his own room.'
'Bah! Humbug!'	'Every idiot who goes about with Christmas on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding.'	'Christmas is a good time. A kind, charitable, forgiving, pleasant time.' (Fred)	'I want nothing from you; I ask nothing of you; why cannot we be friends?' (Fred)	'At the ominous word 'liberality' Scrooge shook his head and frowned.'
'They had better [die] and decrease the surplus population.'	'I support the establishments I have mentioned: they cost enough.'	'A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every 25 th December.'	'Scrooge took his melancholy dinner in his melancholy tavern.'	'Scrooge saw ... not a knocker, but Marley's face.'
'Up Scrooge went, not caring a button for the dark: darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it.'	'He ... double locked himself in, which was not his custom.'	'Some person was dragging heavy chains over the casks.'	'His colour changed.'	'There's more of gravy than of grave about you.'
'I wear the chain I forged in life.' Replied the ghost.	'Why did I walk through the crowds of fellow-beings with my eyes turned down?' (Marley)	'You will be haunted by three Spirits.' (Marley)	'He became sensible of confused noises in the air; incoherent sounds of lamentation and regret.'	'He tried to say humbug but stopped at the first syllable.'

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'It was a strange figure like a child: yet not so like a child as like an old man.'	'It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand.'	'The voice was soft and gentle.'	'He was conscious of ... a thousand thoughts, hopes, joys and cares long forgotten.'	'Your lip is trembling' said the ghost.
'A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still.'	'I have come to bring you home, dear brother.' (Little Fan)	'You're to be a man!' (Little Fan)	(the Ghost) 'Your nephew!' Scrooge seemed uneasy in his mind and answered briefly, 'Yes.'	'His heart and soul were ... with his former self.' (at Fezziwig's party)
'I should like to be able to say a word or two to my clerk just now.'	'Our contract is an old one. It was made when we were poor and content to be so.' (Belle)	'May you be happy in the life you have chosen.' She left him and they parted. (Belle)	'Spirit!' said Scrooge, 'Show me no more!'	'the mother and daughter laughed heartily.'
'What would I not have given to be one of them!'	'I passed his office window ... Quite alone in the world, I do believe.' (Belle's husband)	'these were shadows of the things that have been ... They are what they are. Do not blame me!' (Spirit)	'Remove me!' Scrooge exclaimed. 'I cannot bear it!'	'He was conscious of being exhausted and overcome with ... drowsiness.'

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Stave three				
'He ... did not wish to be taken by surprise and made nervous.'	'He was taken with a violent fit of trembling.'	'a strange voice ... bade him enter. He obeyed.'	'bright, gleaming berries glistened.'	'In easy state upon this couch sat a jolly giant.'
'Scrooge entered timidly and hung his head before this Spirit.'	'Its cheery voice, its unconstrained demeanour and its joyful air.'	'The people who were shovelling away on the housetops were jovial and full of glee.'	[The Spirit] 'Sprinkled incense on their dinners from his torch.'	'Mrs Cratchit ... dressed poorly in a twice-turned gown, but brave in ribbons which are cheap ...'
(Cratchit) 'kissing her a dozen times.'	(Cratchit) 'trembled more when he said that Tiny Tim was growing strong.'	'There never was such a goose.'	'A smell like an eating-house and a pastry cook's next door to each other.'	'Mrs Cratchit entered: flushed but smiling proudly.'
'Everybody had something to say about it.'	'All the Cratchit family drew round the hearth.'	'God bless us every one!' (Tiny Tim)	'If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, the child will die.'	'he had better [die], and decrease the surplus population.' (Spirit)
'Scrooge hung his head to hear his own words quoted by the Spirit.'	'Will you decide what men shall live, what men shall die?'	'Scrooge bent before the Ghost's rebuke, and, trembling, cast his eyes upon the ground.'	'The mention of his name cast a dark shadow on the party'	'They were not a handsome family; they were not well dressed ... But they were happy.'
'And now, without a word of warning from the Ghost, they stood upon a bleak and desert moor.'	'even here [the boat on the sea] two men [joined] their horny hands [and] ... wished each other Merry Christmas.'	(Fred) 'His wealth is of no use to him. He don't do any good with it.'	(Fred) 'I couldn't be angry with him if I tried. Who suffers by his ill whims?'	'he [Fred] was thinking of an animal ... a disagreeable ... savage animal.'
'The Spirit stood beside sick-beds, ... in almshouse, hospital, and jail, in misery's every refuge.'	'From the foldings of its robe it brought two children: wretched, abject, frightful, hideous, miserable.'	'This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware of them both.'	'Are there no prisons?' said the Spirit, turning on him for the last time with his own words.'	'Scrooge looked about him for the Ghost, and saw it not.'

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Stave four				
'The Phantom slowly, gravely, silently approached.'	'It was shrouded in a deep, black garment, which concealed its head, its face, its form.'	'You are about to show me the shadows of the things that have not happened ... is that so?'	'I fear you more than any spectre I have seen!'	'It's likely to be a very cheap funeral.'
'The ways were foul and narrow; the shops and houses wretched.'	'Mrs Dilber was next. Sheets and towels, a little wearing apparel.' (Stolen from Scrooge's house)	'Scrooge listened to this dialogue in horror.'	'He frightened every one of us away when he was alive to profit us when he was dead!' (Mrs Dilber)	'He recoiled in terror for the scene had changed.'
'bereft, unwatched, unwept, uncared for, was the body of this man.'	'I have not the power, Spirit.'	'If there is any person in the town who feels emotion caused by this man's death ... show that person to me.'	(Cratchit about Tim's grave) 'I wish you could have gone ... to see how green a place it is.'	'The Spirit stood among the graves and pointed down to one ... EBENEZER SCROOGE.'
'Spirit! Hear me! I am not the man I was!'	'Assure me that I yet may change these shadows you have shown me!'	'I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.'	'I will not shut out the lessons they teach.'	'The Spirit, stronger yet, repulsed him.'

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Stave five				
'Best and happiest of all, the Time before him was his own to make amends in!'	'He was so fluttered and so glowing with his good intentions that his broken voice would scarcely answer to his call.'	'I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a school-boy. I am as giddy as a drunken man.'	'Running to the window ... No fog, no mist; clear, bright, jovial, stirring.'	'An intelligent boy!' said Scrooge. 'A remarkable boy!'
'I'll send it to Bob Cratchit's.' whispered Scrooge.	'Here's the turkey. Hallo! Whoop! How are you? Merry Christmas!'	'Scrooge regarded every one with a delighted smile.'	'A merry Christmas to you, sir!'	'I am about to raise your salary!'
'A merry Christmas, Bob!' said Scrooge with an earnestness that could not be mistaken.	'Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all and infinitely more.'	'To Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father.'	'His own heart laughed: and that was quite enough for him.'	'God bless Us, Every One!'