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Ebenezer
Scrooge



Bob
Cratchit



Marley's
ghost



The Ghost
of Christmas
Past



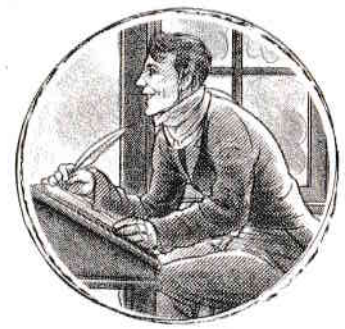
The Ghost
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Present



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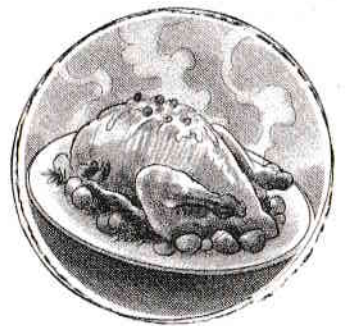
ghost



poor



rich



turkey

Note about the story

Charles Dickens (1812–1870) was an English writer. His family were **poor***. He had to leave school at the age of twelve and work for ten hours a day. But Dickens started writing, and he became **rich** and famous. He wrote *A Christmas Carol* in 1843.

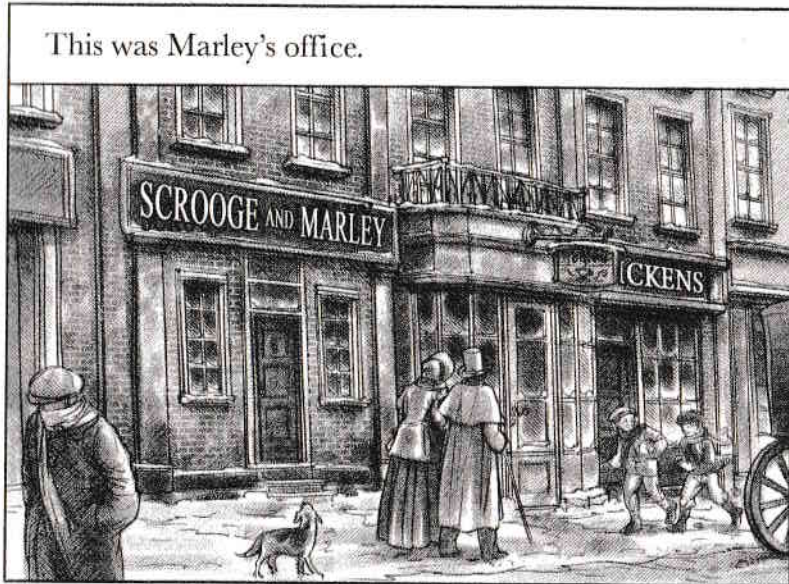
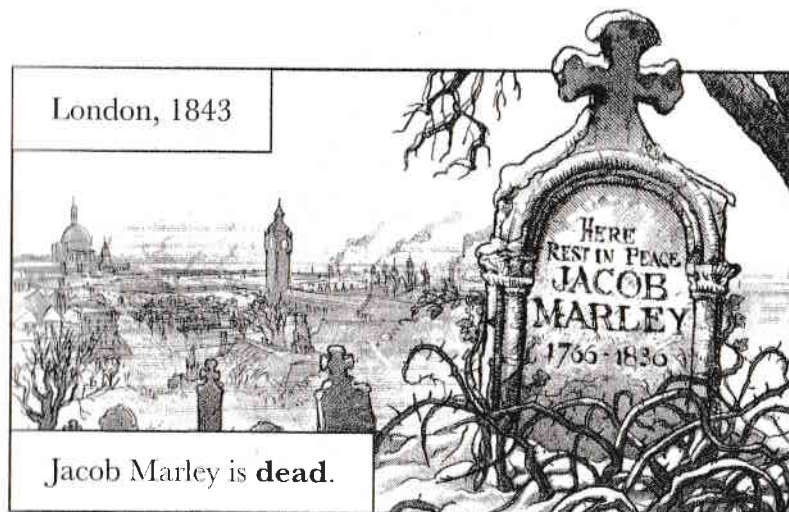
In England at that time, there were lots of very poor people. In *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens shows that we must be nice to our families, and that we must help poor people.

Before-reading questions

- 1 What do English people do at Christmas? Are these sentences *true* or *false*? Write your answers in your notebook.
 - a They eat turkey.
 - b They work hard.
 - c They are with their families.
 - d They eat chocolate eggs.
- 2 Look at the “People in the story” on page 4. Choose two people, and describe them. Here are some ideas.
 - He is wearing . . .
 - He looks about . . . years old.
 - He looks happy/sad.
 - He is/isn't nice.

*Definitions of words in **bold** can be found in the glossary on pages 62–63.

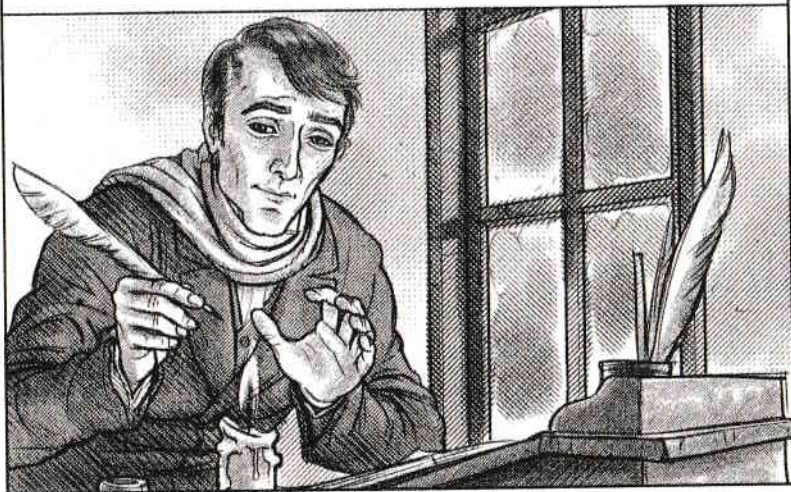
CHAPTER ONE Marley's ghost

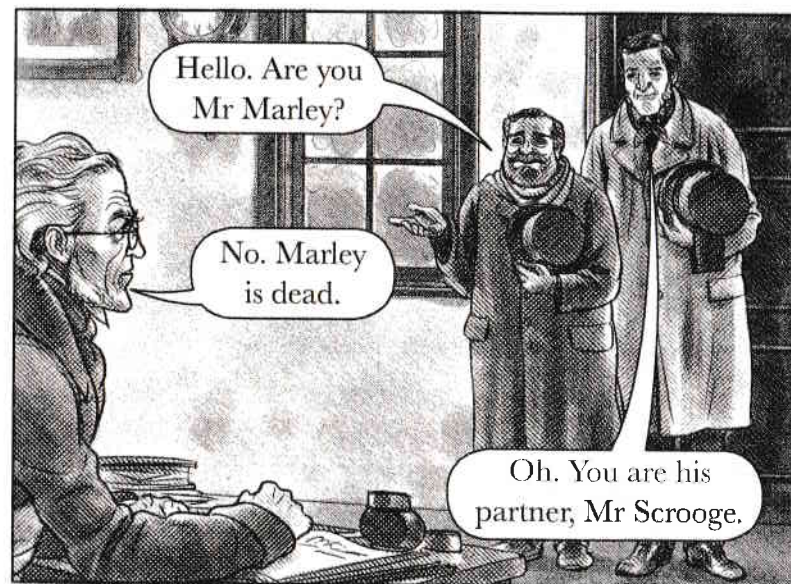


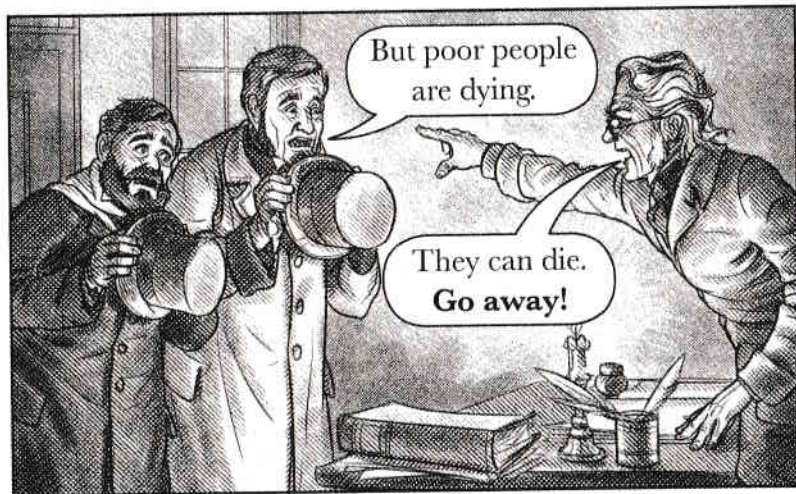
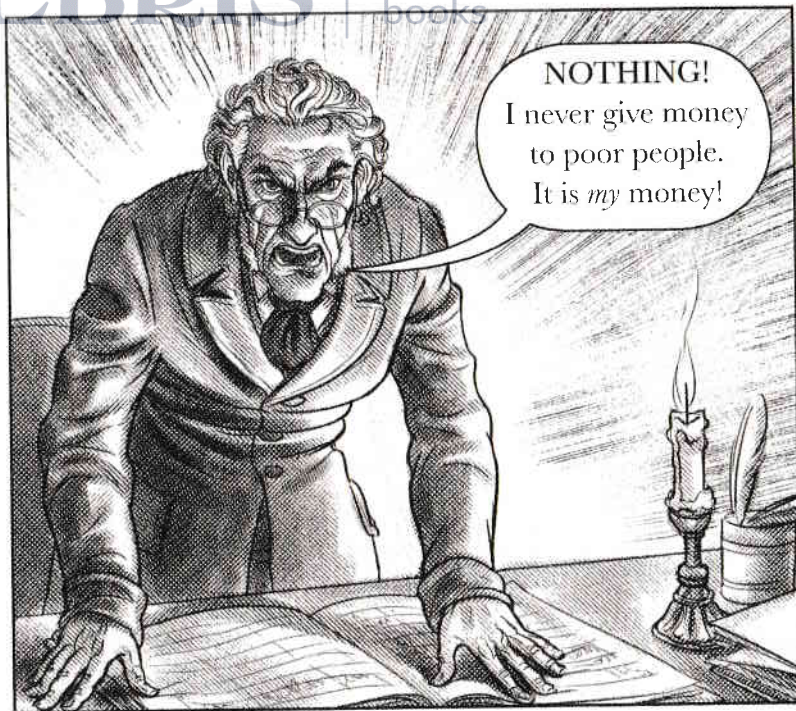
This is Ebenezer Scrooge, Marley's **partner**.
He is **rich**, but he has a cold **heart**.



This is Scrooge's **clerk**, Bob Cratchit.
He is **poor**, but he has a warm heart.







A boy sings a Christmas **carol** for money.

