

# *A Christmas Carol*

by Charles Dickens

	Quote / Line	"Get the Gist"	Official Definition
<b>Stave 1</b>			
misanthropic	"Oh! But he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, Scrooge! A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, <b>misanthropic</b> old sinner!"		
covetous	"A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, <b>covetous</b> old sinner!"		
melancholy	"Scrooge took his <b>melancholy</b> dinner in his usual melancholy tavern."		
specter	"Upon its coming in, the dying flame leaped up, as though it cried, 'I know him! <b>Specter!</b> ' and fell again."		
apparition	"He then made bold to inquire what business brought him there. 'Your welfare!' said the <b>Apparition.</b> "		

<p><b>Stave 2</b></p> <p>benevolence</p> <p>hearth</p> <p>jovial</p> <p>celestial</p>	<p>“In easy state upon this couch, there sat a <b>benevolent</b> spirit.”</p> <p>"...the company gathered about the blazing <b>hearth</b> and made up a circle, leaving room enough for Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig to take their station.”</p> <p>"The <b>jovial</b> voice of Fezziwig, calling out to everyone, filled the room with cheer and goodwill."</p> <p>"A bright clear jet of light, by which all this was visible, and which was doubtless a reflection of some <b>celestial</b> light."</p>		
<p><b>Stave 3</b></p> <p>ubiquitous</p> <p>prostrate</p> <p>demure/demurely</p> <p>affable/affability</p> <p>plunder</p>	<p>“...shed its light on <b>ubiquitous</b> merriment.”</p> <p>“...he lay <b>prostrate</b> on the floor when they departed.”</p> <p>“...girls glanced <b>demurely</b> at the hung-up mistletoe.”</p> <p>“He was as kind and merry as the <b>affable</b> weather allowed.”</p> <p>“This unhappy man’s life left <b>plunder</b> for others to claim.”</p>		

<p><b>Stave 4</b></p> <p>obscure</p> <p>recoil</p> <p>morose</p> <p>diminish</p> <p>resignation</p>	<p>“They reached an <b>obscure</b> part of the town.”</p> <p>“Scrooge started, back, <b>recoiling</b> in terror.”</p> <p>“The figure was shrouded in deep, <b>morose</b> silence.”</p> <p>“Nothing of it all could <b>diminish</b> the Spirit’s presence.”</p> <p>“Scrooge bent his head in <b>resignation</b>, trembling in awe.”</p>		
<p><b>Stave 5</b></p> <p>blithe</p> <p>alteration</p> <p>illumination</p> <p>endeavor</p> <p>munificence</p>	<p>“He became light as a feather, happy as an angel, <b>blithe</b> as a boy.”</p> <p>“Some laughed to see the sudden <b>alteration</b> in him.”</p> <p>“The sunbeam seemed to <b>illuminate</b> his new path.”</p> <p>“I shall <b>endeavor</b> to keep Christmas all the year.”</p> <p>“The <b>munificence</b> of his gesture stunned them all.”</p>		