**Lesson 2 – A Christmas Carol**

Please take your time over the answers, I expect full sentences, so that I can give appropriate feedback. Also, please return your work to me from both lessons by email. Thank you ☺

Complete the summary of Stave 1:

Ebenezer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sits in his office on a cold Christmas\_\_\_\_\_. His clerk, Bob Cratchit, shivers because Scrooge refuses to spend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on coals for a fire, so he tries to get warm by candle light. Scrooge's nephew, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, pays his uncle a visit and invites him to his annual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ party. Scrooge reacts with bitterness and venom, spitting out an angry "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" in response to his nephew's "Merry Christmas!" Scrooge doesn’t like Christmas because it is the one day of the year where he doesn’t make any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Two gentlemen also drop by and ask Scrooge to donate some money to their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He refuses asking them if the “are there no ?”, if so the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should go there. Scrooge is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which means he thinks that people should look after themselves only, and if they can’t, it’s their own fault.

Later that evening, after returning to his dark, cold apartment, Scrooge receives a visit from the ghost of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Marley’s punishment for his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life is that his spirit has been condemned to wander the Earth weighted down with heavy chains. He also sees all the people he could have helped in life, who are suffering, and is now unable to help them. Marley hopes to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Scrooge from sharing the same fate. Marley informs Scrooge that three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will visit him during each of the next three nights. Scrooge feels afraid, but still doesn’t quite ­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

Workhouses Scrooge Jacob Marley Bah! Humbug!

Greedy Save Money Capitalist Believe

Charity Poor Spirits Fred Eve Christmas

Read the extract below:

**The Ghost of Christmas Past – Spirit number 1**

It was a strange figure -- like a child: yet not so like a child as like an old man, viewed through some supernatural medium, which gave him the appearance of having receded from the view, and being diminished to a child's proportions. Its hair, which hung about its neck and down its back, was white as if with age; and yet the face had not a wrinkle in it, and the tenderest bloom was on the skin. The arms were very long and muscular; the hands the same, as if its hold were of uncommon strength. Its legs and feet, most delicately formed, were, like those upper members, bare.

It wore a tunic of the purest white, and round its waist was bound a lustrous belt, the sheen of which was beautiful. It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand; and, in singular contradiction of that wintry emblem, had its dress trimmed with summer flowers. But the strangest thing about it was, that from the crown of its head there sprung a bright clear jet of light, by which all this was visible; and which was doubtless the occasion of its using, in its duller moments, a great extinguisher for a cap, which it now held under its arm.

1. Why is this ghost wearing white? What are the connotations of this colour?
2. Why does this spirit hold a sprig of ‘fresh green holly’ and have a dress trimmed with ‘summer flowers’? What are the connotations of this natural imagery?
3. What could the light coming from the top of the Spirit’s head represent? (Hint: think of the connotations of light)
4. What impression do you get of the GOCP in this extract? Is it positive? Negative? Why?
5. How do we know that the GOCP is a strange and mysterious being? Find 2 quotations from the above description.

Complete this quiz: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zz3XjXy17EC3-HVbUS2fex47Eck8wixKgoG5SSE4U2lUQ1ZJQ1dTUzFRVU1ISlJJNTdXSkxVOVIyTS4u>

The Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge on a journey to his childhood, where they fly over fields and lanes which lead to his school:

*‘“Your lip is trembling,” said the Ghost. “And what is that upon your cheek?”*

*Scrooge muttered, with an unusual catching in his voice, that it was a pimple; and begged the Ghost to lead him where he would.*

*“You recollect the way?” inquired the Spirit.*

*“Remember it!” cried Scrooge with fervour; “I could walk it blindfold.”’*

Write down 3 ambitious words to describe how Scrooge feels upon seeing this place which he recognises from his past:

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How do you know that he feels like this? Which part of the text tells you? Write a quotation next to 2 of your words.