

# Creating Characters Activity Sheet

Read the following extracts about Ebenezer Scrooge. Pick out at least three words or phrases using description, the characters' own words or actions that you find particularly effective in creating the character of Scrooge.

Scrooge! A squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner! The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shrivelled his cheek... made his eyes red, his thin lips blue; and spoke out shrewdly in his grating voice... No warmth could warm, no wintry weather chill him. No wind that blew was bitterer than he...

Nobody ever stopped him in the street to say, with gladsome looks, "My dear Scrooge, how are you? When will you come to see me?" ...But what did Scrooge care! It was the very thing he liked. To edge his way along the crowded paths of life, warning all human sympathy to keep its distance...

... "A merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" cried a cheerful voice. It was the voice of Scrooge's nephew, who came upon him so quickly that this was the first intimation he had of his approach.

"Bah!" said Scrooge, "Humbug!"

... "Christmas a humbug, uncle!" said Scrooge's nephew. "You don't mean that, I am sure?"

"I do," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What right have you to be merry? What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough."

"Come, then," returned the nephew gaily. "What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough."

Scrooge having no better answer ready on the spur of the moment, said, "Bah!" again; and followed it up with "Humbug."

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Complete the following exercise on this sheet or in your books.

First example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Second example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Third example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stick the following peer assessment in your books.

Peer/Self Assessment		
Does the passage use interesting description? Yes/No/Comments	Do we learn about the character from how they speak? Yes/No/Comments	Do we learn about the character from how they act? Yes/No/Comments

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