

"A Christmas Carol"
Vocabulary

1. **resolute:** determined
2. **quarrel:** argument
3. **generosity:** the quality of being kind and generous
4. **provision:** the action of providing or supplying something in need
5. **convenient:** involving little trouble or effort
6. **melancholy:** a feeling of sadness, typically with no obvious cause
7. **beguile:** to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
8. **benevolence:** kindness, generosity, charity
9. **chambers:** a bedroom or private room
10. **apparition:** a ghost or ghostlike image of a person
11. **welfare:** the health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group.
12. **forbearance:** patience, tolerance
13. **procured:** get, find
14. **perplexed:** puzzled, confused
15. **endeavored:** attempt to achieve a goal
16. **conducive:** making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible
17. **reformation:** change, repair, growth
18. **morose:** moody, bad tempered
19. **apprenticeship:** job training, to practice a job with a mentor
20. **avarice:** greed for wealth
21. **peculiar:** strange or odd
22. **bigotry:** inability to accept beliefs of those who hold different opinions from oneself.
23. **Want and Ignorance:** symbolism for the "evils of man" represented by children, Want is the need for more. Ignorance is all the things we ignore and are oblivious to.
24. **decorum:** manners, behaving in good taste

adamant
inflexible, immovable, obstinate

affable
friendly, courteous, amiable

baleful

destructive, deadly

benevolence

kindness, generosity, charity

boisterous

rowdy, rough, and stormy

cant

secret jargon or slang

caustic

sarcastically biting, acrid

celestial

pertaining to the sky or heavens

congeal

to solidify or to coagulate

corroboration

confirmation

credulous

believing on slight evidence, gullible

deference

courteous going along with the opinions or wishes of another

deft

skillful, adroit

demur

to hesitate, to delay, to object

desolate

deserted, without inhabitants, barren

despondency
depression, dejection

destitution
state of being extremely poor, in extreme want

diffuse
to spread in all directions

dirge
funeral hymn, lament

disdain
intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy

elicit
to bring out a response, to evoke

entreaty
a plea, an earnest request

execrable
extremely bad, deserving of hate

feint
a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow

ferocity
savagery

flaunt
to show off, to display ostentatiously

furrow
to make wrinkles or grooves

grate
to cause irritation

gratis
free