

Vocabulary Worksheets *A Christmas Carol*

Stave 5 The End of It

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. They are here; I am here; the shadows of the things that would have been, may be dispelled.

2. His hands were busy with his garments all this time; turning them inside out, putting them on upside down, tearing them, mislaying them, making them parties to every kind of extravagance.

3. Really, for a man who had been out of practice for so many years, it was a splendid laugh, a most illustrious laugh.

4. The chuckle with which he said this, and the chuckle with which he paid for the Turkey, and the chuckle with which he paid for the cab, and the chuckle with which he recompensed the boy, were only to be exceeded by the chuckle with which he sat down breathless in his chair again, and chuckled till he cried.

5. And Scrooge said often afterwards, that all of the blithe sounds he had ever heard, those were the blithest in his ears.

6. He had not gone far, when coming on towards him he beheld the portly gentleman, who had walked into his counting-house the day before and said, "Scrooge and Marley's, I believe?"

7. So did everyone when they came. Wonderful party, wonderful games, wonderful unanimity, won-der-ful happiness!

8. "Hallo!" growled Scrooge, in his accustomed voice as near as he could feign it.

9. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh, and little heeded them; for he was wise enough to know that nothing ever happened on this globe, for good, at which some people did not have their fill of laughter at the outset. . . .

10. He had no further intercourse with Spirits, but lived upon the Total Abstinence Principle, ever afterwards, and it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| _____ 1. dispelled | A. glorious; brilliant |
| _____ 2. extravagance | B. stout; fat |
| _____ 3. illustrious | C. change |
| _____ 4. recompensed | D. pretend |
| _____ 5. blithe | E. repaid |
| _____ 6. portly | F. complete agreement |
| _____ 7. unanimity | G. avoidance |
| _____ 8. feign | H. extremely abundant; excessive |
| _____ 9. alteration | I. joyous; happy |
| _____ 10. abstinence | J. scattered; caused to vanish |