

Vocabulary for Act One – *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge & Marley*

Scene One

1. counting-house (pg 3) – an office used for accounting
2. sole residuary legatee (pg 3) person named in the will to receive any residue left in the will
3. solemnized (pg 3) – to do so with ceremony
4. implored (pg 3) – ask in earnest; beg

Scene Two

5. comforter (pg 4) – woolen scarf
6. Humbug (pg 4) – Nonsense; to cheat or deceive
7. morose (pg 4) - gloomy
8. Parliament (pg 5) – the national legislative body of Great Britain
9. homage (pg 5) – to pay respect or give honor
10. Bedlam (pg 5) – a mental hospital in London
11. destitute (pg 6) – living in poverty
12. Treadmill (pg 6) – a kind of mill wheel that turned by people walking; used to punish prisoners
13. Poor Law (pg 6) – a series of laws aimed to assist the poor; to provide government relief but no monies provided
14. abundance (pg 6) – to have a large quantity
15. half-a-crown (pg 7) – a small coin in Great Britain; no longer used
16. misanthrope (pg 8) – a person who mistrusts everyone; thinks the worse
17. malcontent (pg 8) – to be dissatisfied; to cause trouble

Scene Three

18. specter (pg 8) – ghosts; spirits
19. void (pg 8) – total emptiness
20. deliquesce (pg 8) – melt away

21. gruel on the hob (pg 8) – a thin broth warming on a ledge within the fireplace
22. apparition (pg 9) – ghost; spirit
23. conveyed (pg 10) - communicated
24. benevolence (pg 10) – goodwill; kindness

Scene Four

25. scrim (pg 11) – semi-transparent curtain
26. ferret eyes (pg 11) – to look like a ferret while hunting; beady eyes
27. promissory notes (pg 11) – written promises to pay a certain sum of money
28. reclamation (pg 12) – to return to one's past

Scene Five

29. rapt (pg 12) – entranced; in amazement
30. jocund (pg 12) - cheerful
31. apprenticed (pg 14) – receiving financial support and training in a trade
32. pounds (pg 15) – a type of money used in Great Britain at the time
33. dowerless (pg 16) – a girl without property or wealth to bring into her marriage
34. donned in regret....Doffed now (pg 17) – to don and doff a hat is to put on and remove one's hat; askew – means at an angle