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## A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley (play by Israel Horovitz)

### Act One – Scene One

1. The play begins in the year of \_\_\_\_\_ and takes place in various places in and around the City of \_\_\_\_\_. The entire action of the play is on \_\_\_\_\_, Christmas Day, and the morning \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
2. The first character to speak is \_\_\_\_\_ and he tells the audience that he is \_\_\_\_\_. He tells us that he is dead because the chief mourner \_\_\_\_\_ signed the register of his burial.
3. The statement, "I am dead as a doornail" is what figure of speech? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When the audience first meets Scrooge, he is seated in his \_\_\_\_\_ and he is counting.
5. Marley introduces Scrooge as "England's most tightfisted hand at the grindstone." What does that expression mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. According to Marley, Scrooge never changed the sign above the warehouse door because it was "\_\_\_\_\_ than painting a new sign."
7. The very thing that Scrooge likes is "To edge his way along the crowded paths of life, warning all human \_\_\_\_\_ to keep its \_\_\_\_\_."
8. What time is it when Act One, Scene 1 ends? \_\_\_\_\_

### Act One – Scene Two

1. Scrooge is sitting at his office \_\_\_\_\_ with a tiny \_\_\_\_\_ to provide some warmth.

2. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ is his office \_\_\_\_\_ copying letters. He is trying to stay warm with a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Scrooge's nephew, \_\_\_\_\_ enters the office and wishes his uncle a "merry Christmas." Scrooge on the other hand replies, " \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_!"
4. Scrooge says if he could work his will "every \_\_\_\_\_ who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his \_\_\_\_\_, should be \_\_\_\_\_ in his own pudding, and buried with a stake of \_\_\_\_\_ through his heart."
5. His nephew thinks of Christmas time as a good time, "when men and women seem to open their \_\_\_\_\_ hearts freely...." He believes that "it has done me \_\_\_\_\_ and that it will do me \_\_\_\_\_." As nephew states these words, Cratchit in the tank \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Nephew then asks Scrooge to \_\_\_\_\_ with him tomorrow.
7. But Scrooge responds that he would rather \_\_\_\_\_ than see himself with Fred's family.
8. Cratchit earns \_\_\_\_\_ shillings a week working for Scrooge.
9. As Fred leaves the office, a \_\_\_\_\_ man and a thin man enter.
10. We discover that Marley has been dead for \_\_\_\_\_ years. He died on \_\_\_\_\_ eve.
11. The two men are there to ask for \_\_\_\_\_. They tell Scrooge that they "choose this time, because it is a time of all others when \_\_\_\_\_ is keenly felt and \_\_\_\_\_ rejoices."
12. Scrooge refuses to offer anything but states that he wishes "to be \_\_\_\_\_ alone."
13. What time is it when Cratchit states he must go home? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What does Cratchit ask of Scrooge before he leaves? \_\_\_\_\_

Go back over Scenes One and Two in Act One and identify at least five items mentioned that are Gothic and cite where each is found. Look at the example below.

<b>Gothic Item</b>	<b>Scene</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Speaker/Directions</b>	<b>Line</b>
"ghostly music" is heard	One	3	description	one