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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 on _____, Christmas Day, and the morning _____ Christmas.
2. The first character to speak is _____ and he tells the audience that he is _____.
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 office and he is doing what? _____.
5. According to Marley, Scrooge never changed the _____ above the warehouse door because he was too cheap to change it.
6. The very thing that Scrooge likes is "To edge his way along the crowded paths of life, warning all human _____ to keep its distance.
7. What time is it when Act One, Scene 1 ends? _____

Act One – Scene Two

1. Bob _____ is in his office cubicle copying letters. He is trying to stay warm with a _____.
2. Scrooge's nephew, _____ (name) enters the office and wishes his uncle a "Merry Christmas." Scrooge on the other hand replies, "Bah! _____!"
3. What does the above expression mean? _____

4. Scrooge says if he could work his will “every idiot who goes about with ‘Merry Christmas’ on his _____, should be boiled 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 shut-up _____ freely....” He believes that “it has done me _____ and that it will do me _____.”

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. We discover that Marley has been dead for _____ years. He died on _____ eve.

10. The two men are there to ask for _____.

11. Scrooge refuses to offer anything but states that he wishes “to be _____ alone.”

12. What time is it when Cratchit states he must go home? _____

13. 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.

| Gothic Item | Scene | Page | Line |
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| “ghostly music” is heard | One | 3 | one |
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