

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Stave 2

Name _____
Date _____ Period _____

Read the following sentences to get the general meaning. Read it a second time, paying special attention to the underlined words. Notice how they are used in sentences. These are Master Words. These are words you will be working with in this lesson.

He then conveyed him and his sister into the veriest old well of a shivering best parlor that ever was see. . . (p.77, M)

“Know it!” said Scrooge. “Was I apprenticed here?” (p. 79, B)

He rubbed his hands, adjusted his capacious waistcoat, laughed all over himself, from his shoes to his organ of benevolence and called out, in a comfortable, oily, rich, fat, jovial voice: “Yo ho, there! Ebenezer! Dick!” (p. 80, M)

He corroborated everything, remembered everything, enjoyed everything, and underwent the strangest agitation.”(p. 86, M)

His face had not the harsh and rigid lines of later years, but it had begun to wear the signs of care and avarice. (p. 89, T)

“I have seen you nobler aspirations fall off one by one, until the master passion, Gain, engrosses you.” (p.90, T)

The noise in this room was perfectly tumultuous, for there were more children there than Scrooge in his agitated state of mind could count; and , unlike the celebrated herd in the poem, they were not forty children conducting themselves like one, but every child was conducting itself like forty. (p. 93, B)

It is enough that, by degrees, the children and their emotions got out of the parlor, and, by one stair at a time, up to the top of the house, where they went to bed, and so subsided. (p. 96, B)

In the struggle, if that can be called a struggle in which the Ghost, with no visible resistance on its own part, was undisturbed by any effort of its adversary, Scrooge observed that its light was burning high and bright, and dimly connecting that with its influence over him he seized the extinguisher-cap, and by a sudden action pressed it down upon its head.(p. 100, B)



EXERCISE 1 - Self-Test: After reading the above sentences, do the following. Look at the Master Words below. Underline the words that you think you know. Circle the words that you are less sure about. Draw a square around the words you don't recognize.

MASTER WORDS	
agitation	convey
adversary	corroborate
apprentice	jovial
aspirations	subside
avarice	tumultuous



EXERCISE 2 - Read the sentences on the preceding page again, this time paying special attention to the ten Master Words. In the (a) spaces provided below, write down what you think is the meaning of the word. After you have attempted a definition for each word, look up the word in a dictionary. In the (b) spaces, copy the appropriate dictionary definition.

1. agitation (adj.)

a. _____

b. _____

2. adversary (n.)

a. _____

b. _____

3. apprentice (n.)

a. _____

b. _____

4. aspirations (n.)

a. _____

b. _____

5. avarice (n.)

a. _____

b. _____

6. convey (v.)

a. _____

b. _____

7. corroborated (v.)

a. _____

b. _____

8. jovial (adj.)

a. _____

b. _____

9. subside (v.)

a. _____

b. _____

10. tumultuous (adj.)

a. _____

b. _____



EXERCISE 3 - Use the following list of synonyms and antonyms to fill in the blanks. Two words have no antonyms. In those cases, the antonym blanks have been marked with an X.

ally
decline
generosity

ambitions
discredit
greed
noisy

beginner
enemy
increase
serenity

calm
excitement
melancholy
verify

carry
expert
merry

Synonyms

Antonyms

1. **subside**

2. **jovial**

3. **aspirations**

_____ X _____

4. **adversary**

5. **convey**

_____ X _____

6. **agitation**

7. **apprentice**

8. **avarice**

9. **corroborated**

10. **tumultuous**



EXERCISE 4 - Decide whether the first pair in the items below are synonyms or antonyms. Then choose the Master Word that shows a similar relation to the word(s) preceding the blank.

1. dismal : wretched :: desire : _____

2. investigated : inquired :: transport : _____

3. idle : inactive :: frenzy : _____

4. silly : goofy :: opponent : _____

5. puzzling : incoherent :: cheerful : _____

6. light : ponderous :: serene : _____

7. resolute : indecisive :: deny : _____

8. thoughtful : considerate :: diminish : _____

9. multilingual : monolingual :: charity : _____

10. sick : ill :: trainee : _____



EXERCISE 5 - The Master Words in this lesson are repeated below. From the Master Words, choose the appropriate word for the blank in each of the following sentences. Write the word in the numbered space provided at the right.

agitated
convey

adversary
corroborated

apprentice
jovial

aspirations
subsided

avarice
tumultuous

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| 1. The witness . . . ? . . . the victim's story about the crime. | 1. _____ |
| 2. It's easier to win if you understand your . . . ? . . . | 2. _____ |
| 3. Email is often used by people to . . . ? . . . messages. | 3. _____ |
| 4. Eric usually feels very . . . ? . . . around the holidays. | 4. _____ |
| 5. Mrs. Hughloft was very . . . ? . . . about losing her parrot. | 5. _____ |
| 6. After the gale . . . ? . . . we continued the baseball game. | 6. _____ |
| 7. If you are resolute, you can achieve your . . . ? . . . | 7. _____ |
| 8. Lancelot worked as an . . . ? . . . before becoming a knight. | 8. _____ |
| 9. Scrooge's . . . ? . . . made him a wretched man. | 9. _____ |
| 10. The crowd got so . . . ? . . . that we were afraid of a riot. | 10. _____ |



EXERCISE 6 - Use the following clues to unscramble the Master Words.

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| Santa Claus can be <u>aoiljv</u> | 1. _____ |
| you can learn a trade if you are an <u>neiepcprta</u> | 2. _____ |
| you might lose against your <u>arvreyads</u> | 3. _____ |
| a story can be <u>etbcoroarrod</u> | 4. _____ |
| a package can be <u>cyneevdo</u> | 5. _____ |
| a person can achieve her <u>tispnsraioa</u> | 6. _____ |
| a pain my <u>sedusib</u> | 7. _____ |
| a dance can be <u>utlusomtuu</u> | 8. _____ |
| an argument might make you fee <u>tadtagei</u> | 9. _____ |
| selfishness can lead to <u>rivacae</u> | 10. _____ |