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Worksheet 8

The book: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Penguin Readers, 2000

Topic: Christmas is approaching

ŠVP: mezipředmětové vztahy český jazyk
kulturní tradice a svátky v anglicky mluvící zemi
oblíbený spisovatel, dílo

Level: A1-B2

Number of lessons: 2-5

Skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking

Forms and methods:

individually, pair work, group work, S-S, T- Ss, S- Ss interactions

Warming up activity

Discuss

1. How many days do we have until Christmas holidays?
2. Have you bought presents for your family and friends? What did you buy?
3. How do you feel?
4. Why are some people sad before Christmas?

Before you read

1. Basic facts about Charles Dickens:

Complete the sentences (the dates with information):

1812, 1822, 1823, 1827, 1843, 1870

Charles Dickens was born on 7 February..... in Portsmouth. In Dickens' family moved to London. There were Dickens' parents, five children and a servant. Charles' father had problems with debts and was imprisoned. Charles had to interrupt his schooling. He worked in Warren's shoe- blacking warehouse and until his death he was scared of orphanage and debts, sound of rats and rotten old buildings in London slums.

Inat the age of 15 he started to work in a solicitor's office. After that he worked as a reporter and later a professional writer.

In he wrote A Christmas Carol. He wrote it very quickly, because he wanted it in the shops before Christmas. It was expensive, at twenty- five pence, but 6,000 people bought the book.

On 9 June Dickens died and was buried in Westminster Abbey in London.

(used *The World of Dickens, Pitkin Guides, U.K.*)



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2. Christmas vocabulary

Match the days with the dates:

Christmas Eve	1 Jan
Christmas Day	31 Dec
Boxing Day	24 Dec
New Year's Eve	25 Dec
New Year's Day	26 Dec

While you read

1. Who are the people ? True or False?

Ebenezer Scrooge is the father of Bob Cratchit	T or F
Jacob Marley is a former Scrooge's companion.	T or F
Fred is a nephew of Scrooge.	T or F
Fan is Fred's mum.	T or F
Bob Cratchit is Scrooge's clerk.	T or F

2. 1st Ghost of Past Christmas

They went to 4 places, complete which ones:

- 1st.....
- 2nd.....
- 3rd.....
- 4th.....

3. 2nd Ghost of Christmas Now

a) When Dickens describes a Christmas room:

What colours were the walls decorated?

Was there a fireplace?

What kind of food was there on the floor (table)?

b) When Dickens describes a Christmas street:

Was there any snow in the road?

What was the colour of the sky?

Were the people happy?

How did they shout?

What did the people do?



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What did they hear from the church?
Where did they go after that?
How did they feel?
What did they wear?

c) When Dickens describes the Cratchit's Christmas evening at home:

How many children do the Cratchit's family have?
What did they do after Christmas dinner?
Complete the text from the book with the right verb:

The family round the fire andBob Cratchit's drink, the hot wine with fruit in it. " Let'sto a merry Christmas to us all. Merry Christmas." Everybody " A Merry Christmas to us all." They more hot drink and theysome songs. Fred and his friends.....round the fire andafter that theygames. The new play " Yes and No".

(Clue: played, sat, sang, sat, drink, enjoyed, said, sang, drank, was called)

d) Which places did the Ghost of Christmas Now and Scrooge visit?

Did they go to other countries?	Yes or No
Did they visit the homes of rich people?	Yes or No
Did they visit the homes of poor people?	Yes or No
Did they visit hospitals?	Yes or No
Did they visit prisons?	Yes or No

e) What did the 2nd Ghost want people to do?

4. The 3rd Ghost of Future Christmases

a) Find in the text the Scrooge's resolves with the 3rd Ghost on page 31 and read it.

b) Correct mistakes in Scrooge's Christmas Day description

Mr. Scrooge let buy a chicken and send it to Bob Marley's house.

Mr. Scrooge put on his worst clothes.

Mr. Scrooge looked at people in the street with a big grin.

Three or four men said to him: " Good evening, sir. A Merry Easter to you!"

Mr. Scrooge went to hospital and then walked through streets and watched people.

Mr. Scrooge went to Fred's office.

It was a horrible party with awful food and games and everybody was very, very disgusting.

Next day Bob Cratchit was early to his office because he had a very Bad Christmas.

Mr. Scrooge promised him to give less money. Tiny Tim died.

Mr. Scrooge was a third father to the family.



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He was a bad man and a bad friend.
He always had a bad time at Christmas.
He always said " Humbug!" again.

(There are 20 wrong words - find them and correct.)

After you read

1. Can you think of 3 moments in your life which you are not proud of?
2. Can you think of your bad character qualities?
3. What would you like to change in your character and behavior?

Choose New Year's Resolution:

I will be kind to my parents and brother.
I will help at home more often.
I will come home when I promise.
I will study Math more often.
I will be more patient and tolerant.
I will stop doing.....
I will get fit.
I will start doing..... in a better way.
I will save money for.....
I will read books every evening.....every weekend.....month.
I will drink water more often.
I will go to bed earlier and get up earlier too.
I will not be bad at my schoolmates and friends.
I will go out with my dog every morning.
I will not watch TV every day.
I will try to reduce my phone calls.
I will not take my notebook to bed.
I will not use bad words.

Write your resolution on a piece of paper and put it on the class noticeboard (anonymously).
At the end of the year you can check it.