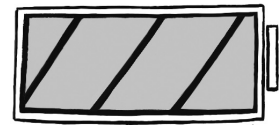


# SCROOGE

Full name: Ebenezer Scrooge  
Also known as: 'the old man', 'old Scratch'

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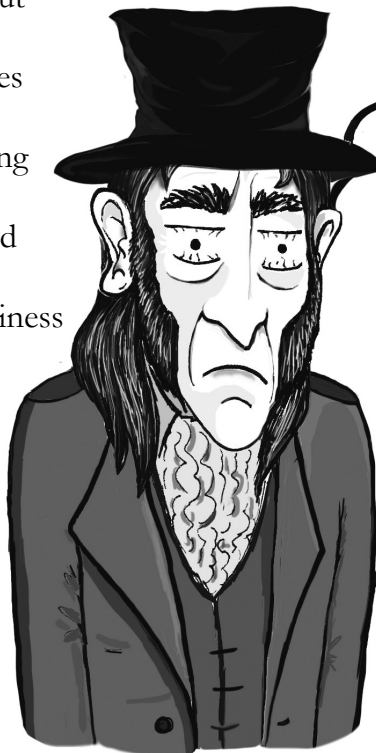


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## Fact file:

- ❁ Scrooge is a mean, lonely and miserable man at the beginning of the story. He only cares about money.
- ❁ Scrooge had some difficult times in his life which might have made him like this, such as losing his sister, spending most of his childhood away from home, and losing his business partner...
- ❁ However, he often brings loneliness on himself by rejecting others, like his nephew, Fred.
- ❁ Throughout the story, Scrooge slowly learns the joy of Christmas and the importance of kindness and generosity.
- ❁ At the end of the story, Scrooge is forever changed. He is a good, kind man who loves Christmas.

Bah! Humbug!



**Appearance:**  
Scrooge has 'old features', a 'pointed nose', a 'shrivelled cheek' and 'ferret eyes'. He has red eyes, blue lips and a stiff way of walking, which, Dickens writes, comes as a result of 'the cold within him'.

## What people say about him:

a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster.

Stave 1



Stave 2  
dear, dear brother!

Stave 5

He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew

He's a comical old fellow.

Stave 3



I am sorry for him; I couldn't be angry with him if I tried. Who suffers by his ill whims! Himself, always.

Stave 3



Stave 2

You fear the world too much... I have seen your nobler aspirations fall off one by one, until the master-passion, Gain, engrosses you.