

# Listening Comprehension - A Christmas Carol

Language Level: FCE, CEFR B2/C1

You will hear the opening of A Christmas Carol. Scrooge is walking to his office in London. He is thinking about his former business partner, Joseph Marley.

**Listen** (twice only)

**For questions 9 – 18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.**

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Marley was dead. There was no (9) ---- about that. Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail.

Did Scrooge know he was (10) -----? Of course he did. Scrooge and he were partners for many years. Scrooge was his only (11) ----- and only mourner. And even Scrooge did not mourn much when he (12) -----.

Scrooge never painted out Old Marley's (13) ----- . There it stood, years afterwards, above the door: Scrooge and Marley.

Sometimes people new to the (14) ----- called him Scrooge, and sometimes Marley. He answered to both (15) ----- : it was all the same to him.

Oh! But he was tight-fisted!

The cold (16) ----- him froze his old features. He carried his own temperature always about with him; and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas.

Nobody ever (17) --- him in the street to say, 'My dear Scrooge, how are you? When will you come to see me?'

But what did Scrooge (18) --- ?

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