SCROOGE

BASIC

Scrooge changes from a selfish, isolated man into someone who shares his money, time and care.

JOURNEY: rejects others / revisits his past / learns empathy / fears his future / changes his conduct

Isolation to belonging

“solitary as an oyster”

Narrator · Stave 1

PAIRED WITH

“a second father”

Narrator, about Scrooge and Tiny Tim · Stave 5

At first Scrooge shuts people out. By the end, he cares for Tiny Tim and becomes part of the family’s life.

Emotional coldness to release

“Hard and sharp as flint”

Narrator · Stave 1

PAIRED WITH

“light as a feather”

Scrooge · Stave 5

Scrooge begins as harsh and unkind. His later excitement shows that he can change.

Dehumanising the poor to practical care

“decrease the surplus population”

Scrooge · Stave 1

PAIRED WITH

“I’ll raise your salary”

Scrooge to Bob · Stave 5

Scrooge first treats poor people as a problem. Later, he helps Bob by paying him more.

CHECK YOUR RECALL

1. Complete “solitary as an …”. 2. Recall the quotation about Bob’s pay. 3. Explain how Scrooge treats Tiny Tim differently by the end.

Quotations: Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (1843). Stave references checked against the original text.