

Charles Dickens

Book key

1.1 Open answers

1.2 Suggested answers:

- 1 1800s
- 2 England
- 3 money (and, later, their marriage)
- 4 a factory
- 5 London

2.1 1 ✓

- 2 ✗ – Dickens was born in 1812/in the 1800s.
- 3 ✗ – His father liked to spend more than he earned.
- 4 ✓
- 5 ✗ – Sketches by Boz was a book of Dickens's short pieces about life in London.

2.2 a 5 b 7 c 1 d 9 e 3 f 10 g 4 h 6 i 8 j 2

2.3 1 was taught

- 2 was moved
- 3 was sent
- 4 were used
- 5 was broken
- 6 were sold

2.4 Suggested answers: 1 c 2 b 3 b 4 a

3.1 1 C 2 D 3 A 4 B

3.2 1 d 2 f 3 e 4 c 5 a 6 b

3.3 1 By wearing her ring.

- 2 How did people without food or money live?
- 3 By writing about them.
- 4 By sending him away from the workhouse.
- 5 How does Fagin get rich?
- 6 By reading about them./By visiting them.

3.4 Suggested answers:

- 1 Catherine, his wife.
- 2 By ship.
- 3 Yes, they did.
- 4 Boston; conditions in schools and factories.
- 5 Slavery and the prisons; the fact that writers weren't always paid for their books.

4.1 the United States

- wife
- children
- crowds
- liked
- prisons
- newspapers

4.2 1 a ✗ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✗ f ✓ g ✓

- 2 a A Christmas Carol.
- b money isn't everything.

c to visit his relatives.

d gives Cratchit more money.

e help/be kind to the poor.

4.3 1 Dickens thought that Boston was a nice, clean city.

- 2 He believed that the use of slaves was wrong.
- 3 He learned/learnt that Americans didn't like attacks on their country.
- 4 He thought that everybody should go to school.
- 5 He believed that he could teach people through his stories.

4.4 Suggested answers:

- 1 Dickens's mother
- 2 Mary Hogarth
- 3 Dickens's father
- 4 Dickens

5.1 Mr Micawber

- debtors'
- Mrs Micawber
- David Copperfield
- boot polish
- Mary Hogarth
- Dora Spenlow

5.2 1 David Copperfield

- 2 Hard Times
- 3 Bleak House
- 4 Dombey and Son
- 5 Bleak House
- 6 David Copperfield

5.3 1 birth

- 2 memories
- 3 marriage
- 4 death
- 5 editor
- 6 feelings

5.4 Suggested answers:

- 1 His father showed him the big house when he was a child.
- 2 He was in love with Maria as a young man.
- 3 His father was in a debtors' prison.
- 4 He was remembering his wife's sister, Mary Hogarth.)

6.1 Possible answers:

- 1 His father showed him the house when he was a child. It was a good memory for him.
- 2 He thought that she was silly.
- 3 The father of the main character was in a debtors' prison.
- 4 She was young.

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6.2 **1** Charles Dickens: 'The queen must come to the theatre.'
Catherine Dickens: 'I can't stay in this house with him.'
Ellen Ternan: 'Charles loves me very much.'
Maria Beadnell: 'I'm fat and ugly now.'
The British people: 'He is wrong to end his marriage.'

- 2** **a** Flora Finching
b William Dorrit
c Amy Dorrit
d Charles Darnay
e Sydney Carton

6.3 **1** was walking, saw
2 met
3 wrote/was writing
4 were living/lived
5 stood up

6.4 Suggested answers:

1 ✓ **2** ✗ **3** ✓ **4** ✗ **5** ✓ **6** ✗ **7** ✓

Talk about it Open answers

Write about it Open answers

Project Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1** Open answers
- 2** **a** A short, funny story about a London family.
b *Sketches by Boz*.
c *Pickwick Papers*.
d *Oliver Twist*.
- 3** **a** In the boot polish factory Charles put the company's name on pots of boot polish.
b Charles worked for a lawyer at an office.
c He then worked as a newspaper reporter in law courts, in parliament and in meetings around the country.
d He got a job as an editor of a new magazine.
- 4** **a** The family never stayed in the same house for long.
b Charles had to stop going to school.
c Sometimes the family had to sell their furniture, clothes and even books.
d Charles had to work in a boot polish factory.
e The Dickens family spent some time in prison with John Dickens.
- 5** Magazines were much cheaper than books.

6 Victoria became queen in 1837 and she died in 1901.

7 Tentative answer: *Oliver Twist*'s readers learnt about the very bad conditions of the poor in Queen Victoria's times. It's not always fun.

8 *The Old Curiosity Shop*.

Readers wanted to know if Little Nell died or not.

Tentative answer: J.K. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter series.

9 *Oliver Twist*, *Nicholas Nickleby*, *The Old Curiosity Shop*, *Barnaby Rudge*.

10–11 Open answers

12 Dickens loved playing games with his children and their house was always full of visitors. The children were probably angry when their father checked their hands and looked through their cupboards. Open answer

13–19 Open answers

20 Tentative answers: Dickens was doing his reading tours, he was the editor of a magazine, he was writing a new novel and he was starting a new life with an eighteen year old actress, Ellen Ternan. Open answer

21 Historical novels aren't true history because they're fictional. They may be easier to understand than true history books and, to some people, they may be more fun.

22–28 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1** Open answers
- 2** Schools in Dickens's time: a, b, d, h
Schools nowadays: c, e, f, g (this depends on the country or area the school is in).
- 3** **a** T
b F – It was his mother.
c F – He walked more than five kilometers.
d F – It was usual.
e T – It was for people who didn't pay their debts.
f F – He was seventeen.
g T
h F – It came out in twenty parts.
i T
j F
- 4–5** Open answers
- 6** **a** 3 **b** 11 **c** 4 **d** 8 **e** 6 **f** 12 **g** 9 **h** 5
i 7 **j** 1 **k** 10 **l** 2
- 7** Open answers

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8	Marley's ghost	A chain made of money boxes, locks, keys and business books
	The ghost of Christmas Past	Scenes from his own past
	The ghost of Christmas Now	Scenes of Christmas Now in the house of Scrooge's only relative and at Bob Cratchit's
	The ghost of Christmas Future	Scenes from the world after he has died

9 Open answers

10	Dora Spenlow	<i>David Copperfield</i>
	Rachel	<i>Hard Times</i>
	Jo	<i>Bleak House</i>
	Paul Dombey	<i>Dombey and Son</i>
	Edward Murdstone	<i>David Copperfield</i>
	Stephen Blackpool	<i>Hard Times</i>
	Mr. Micawber	<i>David Copperfield</i>
	Esther Summerson	<i>Bleak House</i>

- 11 a Mr Micawber
b Stephen Blackpool
c Jo
d Bucket
e David Copperfield

12–13 Open answers

- 14 a Abel Magwitch
b Pip
c Pumblehook
d Miss Havisham
e Estella

- 15 a *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*
b *Oliver Twist*
c *Our Mutual Friend*
d *A Christmas Carol*
e *Pickwick Papers*

16–17 Open answers.

Progress test key

- 1 l d 2 e 3 f 4 g 5 a 6 b 7 c
2 a 3 b 2 c 3 d 2
3 a False, he also wrote *Pictures from Italy*.
b True
c False, that's what he called his wife's sister, Georgina.
d False, Dickens thought that people had to help the poor together with the government.
e False, Scrooge is mean and unkind.
f True
g False, he shows him two children.
h False, the third ghost is the one who frightens Scrooge the most.
i False, Scrooge understands that money isn't everything.
4 a Because he was a boy and she wanted a girl.
b Because of her family's continuing money problems.
c Because one of the characters, Bucket, is a police detective.
d Because he wanted to see the working conditions in a city of mills and factories like Manchester before writing *Hard Times*.
e Because they only thought about money and not of their workers.
f Because he preferred to defend the poor through his novels.
g Because they didn't work as hard as he did.
5 a 3 b 4 c 2 d 6 e 5 f 7 g 8 h 10
i l j 9
6 a village b Australia c France
d London e London f the United States
g Buckingham Palace h Gad's Hill Place
i Rochester