

Worksheet 1. Identifying the Meanings of Words and Phrases

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Stave 1. A Christmas Carol

In the opening stave or chapter of *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens included some words and phrases that may be unfamiliar to you, but it is usually possible to deduce their meaning based on context clues.

The following ten examples are in the order in which they appear in the story. Find them, and fill in the second column with textual evidence that suggests meaning; in the third column, identify the meaning.

Word/phrase	Textual clues	Meaning
Hamlet's father		
covetous		
dismal		
resolute		

destitute		
tremulous		
tacitly		
not caring a button		
incredulous		
repose		