

Grade 7, Term 2: *A Christmas Carol* Vocabulary Handout

1. **Phantom (n):** an apparition or specter; an appearance or illusion without material substance as a dream image, mirage, or optical illusion
 2. **Intimation (n):** a hint; suggestion
 3. **Facetious (adj):** not meant to be taken seriously or literally; amusing; humorous
 4. **Obliged (v):** to make necessary or obligatory; to place under a debt of gratitude for some benefit, favor, or service
 5. **Transparent (adj):** so sheer so as to permit light to pass through
 6. **Perplexed (v):** to cause to be puzzled or bewildered over what is not understood or certain; confuse mentally
 7. **Fluctuated (v):** to change continually; shift back and forth
 8. **Latent (adj):** present but not visible, apparent, or actualized; existing as potential
 9. **Agitation (n):** state of being excited or disturbed
 10. **Tumultuous (adj):** full of violent and noisy commotion; marked by disturbance and uproar
 11. **Haggard (adj):** having a gaunt, wasted, or exhausted appearance, as from prolonged suffering, exertion or anxiety; worn
 12. **Apprehensive (adj):** uneasy or fearful about something that might happen
 13. **Suburbs (n):** a district lying immediately outside a city or town, especially a smaller residential community
 14. **Credulity (n):** willingness to believe or trust too readily, especially without proper or adequate evidence; gullibility
 15. **Rebuke (n):** sharp, stern, disapproval; reproof; reprimand
 16. **Cultivate (v):** to promote or improve the growth of by labor and attention
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17. **Charwoman (n):** a woman hired to do general cleaning, especially in an office or large house

18. Repress (v): to keep under control, check, or suppress; to keep down

19. illustrious (adj): highly distinguished; renowned; famous

20. Feign (v): to represent fictitiously; put on an appearance of; to imitate deceptively