

A Christmas Carol- Dictionary Game

Pre-Show Activity, Grades 3-5 (with adjustments, K-2)

Objectives

- *Students will learn new vocabulary words.*

NOTE: This activity has been aligned with TEKS and [Universal Design for Learning](#). TEKS can be found at the end of this document.

Materials Needed

- Word bank (attached)
- Blank pieces of paper
- Markers, pencils, or crayons

Introduction

Ask students how they understand new words they've never heard before. Talk about 'context clues' and educated guesses.

Part I

- Pass out blank papers and writing utensils to students.
- Read aloud the vocabulary words from the word bank.
- Have students write a made-up definition of the word on their paper and turn it in.
- Read aloud the made-up definitions and the real definitions.
- Read them aloud again and have students vote on which word they think is the dictionary definition.
- If you choose to keep score, this is how students earn points:
 - One point for each vote for their definition of the vocabulary word
 - Two points if they guess the dictionary definition of the word.
- Continue for as many words as you choose. If keeping score- the student with the most points at the end wins.

Notes for UDL alignment: To provide multiple ways of expressing understanding, consider letting students act or physicalize their responses. You can also utilize Think-Pair-Share to provide additional solo and partner processing time.

TEKS

English Language Arts and Reading, Grades 3-5

3 (B) use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words

7 (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate

WORD BANK

- **Anonymous:** not named or identified
- **Appalling:** very bad in a way that causes fear, shock, or disgust
- **Apparition:** a ghost or spirit of a dead person
- **Bedlam:** a notorious madhouse in London which no longer exists
- **Benevolence:** kindness and generosity
- **Cantankerous:** often angry and annoyed
- **Destitute:** extremely poor
- **Dismal:** showing or causing unhappiness or bad feelings
- **Farthing:** an old British coin worth one quarter of a penny
- **Fate:** the things that will happen to a person or thing, the future that someone or something will have
- **Fettered:** prevented from moving or acting freely, chained down
- **Forbearance:** tolerance or patience
- **Foreclosure:** when a bank takes back property because the money owed for it has not been paid
- **Fortified:** strengthened or secured
- **Gruel:** thin and flavorless oatmeal
- **Gumption:** courage and confidence
- **Homage:** public honor or respect for a person or idea
- **Humbug:** something made-up or meant to deceive
- **Keenly:** strongly, powerfully
- **Liabile:** likely to do something
- **Liberality:** the quality of being generous
- **Multitude:** a great number of something
- **Odious:** causing hatred or strong dislike; offensive
- **Parliament:** group of people who are responsible for making laws in the British system of government
- **Penury:** extreme poverty
- **Ponderous:** slow or awkward because of weight or size
- **Reclamation:** the act of getting back something that had been lost or taken
- **Shilling:** British currency coin
- **Stingy:** not liking or wanting to give or spend money
- **Surplus:** an amount that is more than what is needed
- **Wage:** payment for service
- **Workhouse:** a public place for the very poor and homeless to live where they must earn their stay through hard labor

