### What Scrooge says

... every idiot who goes about with ‘Merry Christmas’ on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding ...

**What reason have you to be merry? You’re poor enough.**

Much good it is has ever done you!

What’s Christmas to you but a time for paying bills without money?

### Summary of attitude in your own words

Scrooge cannot see how it is possible to be happy without money.

There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited ...

I have always thought of Christmas ... apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin ... as a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time.

### What Fred says

A merry Christmas, Uncle!

What reason have you to be morose? You’re rich enough.

There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited ...

I have always thought of Christmas ... apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin ... as a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time.

### Look at the list of adjectives in the box below. Use one colour to highlight those which apply to Scrooge and another to highlight those which apply to Fred.

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### Task

In *The Guardian* newspaper two public figures are regularly invited to debate a topical issue in writing e.g. ‘Should authority figures hide their emotions?’ or ‘Is it OK to wear pyjamas in public?’ You can look at some examples [here](#). Imagine that Scrooge and Fred are invited to take part in the debate, ‘Does celebrating Christmas do more harm than good?’ In pairs, decide which of you will write from the point of view of Scrooge and which of you will write Fred’s reply. Write between 200-300 words in which you argue your case. You can use real life examples and statistics to support your points.