

## Recall

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## Recall Answers

### 1. What does "setting the scene" mean?

Setting the scene is when the writer of the story tells the reader when and where the story takes place.

### 2. At the start of a book, that you have read recently or an adult has read to you, how did the author set the scene?

The book we read recently was "Series of unfortunate events". In this book, the author set the scene on a cold, cloudy morning (when). It takes place on an empty beach (where).

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**LO: Participate in discussions**

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- Some will even justify their answers.
  - Some will create their own answers.
  - Most will use modelled answers.
  - All will read the text.
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## **Query 1**

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**What is Scrooge wearing?**

**What is Scrooge doing?**

## **Query 1**

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### **Where is Scrooge?**

Scrooge is in his house. He has just come back from work.

### **What is Scrooge wearing?**

He is taking off his cravat. He is putting on his dressing-gown and a nightcap.

### **What is Scrooge doing?**

He is sitting down to eat his gruel.

## Query 2

**How does Dickens set the scene?**

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**What time of day was it?**

**Where was Scrooge?**

**What was Scrooge doing?**

## **How does Dickens set the scene? - ANSWERS**

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**What time of day was it?**

It was late at night.

**Where was Scrooge?**

He was in his room, sitting in front of the fireplace.

**What was Scrooge doing?**

He was trying to get warm from the fire.

## Query 3

### How does Dickens set the scene?

... The fire place was an old one, built by some Dutch merchant long ago, and paved all round with quaint Dutch tiles, designed to illustrate the Scriptures. There were Canes and Ables; Pharaoh's daughters, Queens of Sheba, Angelic messengers descending through the air on clouds like feather-beds, Abrahams, Belshazzars, Apostles putting off to sea in butter-boats, hundreds of figures to attract his thoughts; and yet that face of Marley, seven years dead, came like the ancient Prophet's rod, and swallowed up the whole...

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**What is Scrooge looking at?**

Scrooge is looking at his fireplace.

**What is on the fireplace?**

There are different pictures and sculptures on the fireplace.

## Query 4

### How does Dickens set the scene?

... If each smooth tile had been a blank at first, with power to shape some picture on its surface from the disjointed fragments of his thoughts, there would have been a copy of Marley's head on everyone.

**What would the tiles have had on them?**

**What does this tell you about how Scrooge is feeling?**

## How does Dickens set the scene? - ANSWERS

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**What would the tiles have had on them?**

If the tiles could reflect Scrooge's thoughts, they would all have Marley's face on.

**What does this tell you about how Scrooge is feeling?**

This tells us that Scrooge couldn't stop thinking about seeing Marley's face on his door knob when he was coming into the house.

## Query 5

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How does Dickens describe how Scrooge is feeling at this point in the story?

How does Dickens set the scene? - ANSWERS

**How does Dickens describe where Scrooge is?**

Dickens describes the house as a place where Scrooge feels comfortable but at the same time he tells the reader it's dark and very cold.

**How does Dickens describe how Scrooge is feeling at this point in the story?**

Dickens describes Scrooge being very nervous and anxious. The man cannot stop thinking about Marley's face he saw a few minutes earlier.