

Famous Names We Use Every Day

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. **adaptations** (noun): New versions of a story or play. Example: The story of Scrooge has been adapted into many movies.
2. **selfish** (adjective): Caring only about oneself and not others. Example: Scrooge was a selfish man at the start of the story.
3. **sarcastically** (adverb): Saying something in a way that shows you do not mean it, usually to mock someone. Example: He said, "Really, Sherlock?" sarcastically.
4. **persona** (noun): A person's character or image, especially one that is different from their real self. Example: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde had different personas.
5. **unfriendly** (adjective): Not kind or welcoming. Example: Scrooge was unfriendly at the beginning of the story.
6. **famous** (adjective): Well known by many people. Example: Sherlock Holmes is a famous detective.



The Famous Scrooge

Most people may not have read *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, but they are familiar with Ebenezer Scrooge. He is one of the most famous characters in literature, known for his selfishness and dislike of Christmas. After being visited by ghosts, he changes into a kinder person. Now, the name "Scrooge" is used to describe someone who is selfish, unfriendly, and doesn't like sharing money.

Comprehension Question:

Sherlock Holmes and Sarcasm

Another famous name used every day is "Sherlock," from the detective created by Arthur Conan Doyle. When someone says something obvious, others might sarcastically call them "Sherlock." For example, if someone says it's raining, someone else might reply, "Really, Sherlock?"

Comprehension Question:

A Bit of a Romeo

"Romeo" comes from Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*. If a man is very charming or in love, he might be called a "Romeo." The name can also describe someone who is in love with someone else.

Comprehension Question:

Jekyll and Hyde Performance

In Robert Louis Stevenson's story *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, one man has two very different personalities. "Jekyll and Hyde" can be used to describe a situation where someone or something behaves very differently at different times. For example, a sports team that plays well sometimes and badly other times might be called "Jekyll and Hyde."

Comprehension Question:

DISCUSSION

1. If you were a character in a famous story, which character would you be and why?
2. Do you think it's fair to call someone a "Scrooge"? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever used the word "Sherlock" sarcastically? What happened?
4. Can you think of other characters whose names are used in everyday language?
5. If you could change your persona for a day, what would you be like?
6. Would you want to be called "Romeo"? What qualities would you have to have?
7. What's something you have experienced that you would describe as "Jekyll and Hyde"?