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A Christmas Carol: Figurative Hunt

Instructions: Read the excerpt below carefully. Identify at least **one simile**, **one metaphor**, and **one example of personification**. Then, explain what it means.

Excerpt (from Stave One)

"Old Marley was as dead as a door-nail. Mind! I don't mean to say that I know, of my own knowledge, what there is particularly dead about a door-nail. I might have been inclined, myself, to regard a coffin-nail as the deadest piece of ironmongery in the trade. But the wisdom of our ancestors is in the simile; and my unhallowed hands shall not disturb it, or the Country's done for. You will therefore permit me to repeat, emphatically, that Marley was as dead as a door-nail."

"Darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it."

"The city clocks had only just gone three, but it was quite dark already—it had not been light all day; and candles were flaring in the windows of the neighboring offices, like ruddy smears upon the palpable brown air."

Simile found: _____

Metaphor found: _____

Personification found: _____