

Character information for

HOW CHRISTMAS CAME TO BE

NB – for larger schools, extra speaking characters can easily be added to scenes and the existing lines shared out between them. Equally, for smaller schools, because many characters only appear in one scene, multiple parts can be played by a single actors.

37 speaking characters order of appearance.

* A 'line' is defined as each time a character speaks - usually between one and five actual lines of text each time.

Speaking Character	Number of spoken lines *	Costume Suggestions
Rudolph	13	A red nose, a reindeer 'onesie' or brown top, leggings and antlers.
Gabriel	14	Traditional nativity angel costume, with wings and halo.
Charles Dickens	10	Victorian look – bow-tie, waistcoat and jacket. Long goatee beard.
Erika Winterbörn	9	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap.
Festivius Maximus	10	Roman toga, laurel crown and red cloak.
Senilius	11	Roman toga and red cloak. White beard.
Tipsius	6	Plain brown or grey tunic, belted.
Violentia	2	Armour breast plate over a white tunic, greaves and a helmet.
Bratius	2	Plain brown or grey tunic, belted.
Moodica	2	Plain brown or grey tunic, belted.
Lavatoria	1	Long, belted elegant dress, tiara and jewellery.
Olaf	6	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap.
Astrid	5	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap. Hair in plaits.
Cow 1	1	Cow 'onesie' or brown/black & white, leggings and a mask or horns.
Cow 2	1	Cow 'onesie' or brown/black & white, leggings and a mask or horns.
Cow 3	1	Cow 'onesie' or brown/black & white, leggings and a mask or horns.
Mary	1	Traditional nativity outfit
Joseph	1	Traditional nativity outfit
A Donkey	1	Donkey 'onesie' or grey top, leggings and a mask
An Angel	1	Traditional nativity outfit
A Shepherd	1	Traditional nativity outfit
A Wise Man	1	Traditional nativity outfit
Soldier 1	6	Cromwellian look – boots, tunic over wide/long collared shirt and helmet.
Soldier 2	5	Cromwellian look – boots, tunic over wide/long collared shirt and helmet.
Soldier 3	5	Cromwellian look – boots, tunic over wide/long collared shirt and helmet.
Reveller 1	2	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Reveller 2	2	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Reveller 3	1	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).
Reveller 4	1	Tunic and cloak (if man). Dress, pinafore and bonnet (if woman).

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Prince Albert	7	Bow-tie, waistcoat, tailcoat and top hat. Bushy side-boards.
Child 1	2	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and jacket (if boy).
Child 2	2	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and jacket (if boy).
Child 3	2	Dress and bonnet (if girl). Knee-length stockings, shorts and jacket (if boy).
Queen Victoria	3	Black dress (padded-out), lace collar and her iconic headdress and crown.
Santa	5	Vest and pants to start, then traditional costume.
Mrs Santa	6	Grandmotherly floral dress and shawl.
Wok Ho	7	Think Gok Wan - sharp suit, black-rimmed glasses and a quiff.

Ensemble Characters	Costume Suggestions
Romans – poor and wealthy	Plain brown or grey tunic, belted.
Female Gladiators	Armour breast plate over a white tunic, greaves and a helmet.
Norsemen and Women	Viking tunic and helmet. Fur shawl or wrap.
Nativity Characters	Traditional costumes
Puritans	Black dresses (f). Breeches and tops (m) with large white collars
Revellers	Tunics and cloaks
Victorians	Dress, pinafore and bonnet (f). Waistcoat, neck scarf and flat cap (m).
Reindeer	Reindeer 'onesie' or brown top, leggings and antlers.
Santa's Elves	Pointy hats and shoes, tights, tunics and elf ears.