

Frankenstein

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Frankenstein Meets the Creature

Although the lawyer presented his case very well, Justine was found guilty of murder. The judge ordered that she be hanged.

Our family was again in despair. That night we sat around the fire, unable to speak. The only sound we could hear was the crackling of the fire. We sat before it and we cried and cried until there were no more tears left in us.

After Justine had been hanged, I decided to spend a few weeks alone in the mountains walking and thinking. I stayed in a small house used by shepherds. I thought about my mother and I remembered my promise to her. I decided to make a new start. I would finish my studies as a doctor, marry Elizabeth and return to Geneva to look after the poor. My life's aim would be to build a new hospital and call it Saint Justine's Hospital for the Poor.

One wet and misty day, as I was walking near the place where William had been murdered, I saw an enormous man in the distance. At first, I did not think of my creature. I had managed to forget him completely. As he came towards me though, I knew it was him. I recognised his clumsy arms and his ape-like walk and then I saw his skeletal face. Suddenly, I realised who William's murderer was and I hated him more than ever before. He had found my family and was planning to kill us all, one by one.

Although I was frightened when I saw him, I knew I had to face him. I picked up a stone just in case he tried to attack me. He stopped a few yards from me and spoke in a deep voice.

“Frankenstein, for that is your name, isn’t it? Or should I call you father?”

“Call me what you like.”

“Why did you bring me into this world of hate, Frankenstein?”

I was surprised by how well he spoke.

“It is not a world of hate. It is a world of love ...”

“Love? What is love? You have shown me no love. The world has shown me nothing but hate. I must talk to you, Frankenstein. You are my only hope of ever finding happiness. Come with me to my cave so we can talk. I have a fire there and some fruit and nuts.”

I hesitated for a moment but finally agreed to go with him. I dropped the stone and followed him.

We came to a cave high up in the mountains. Inside, it was quite warm and comfortable. He had made a bed of leaves and beside it a fire was burning. He offered me some fruit, which I refused. We sat down by the fire and he immediately began his story.





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III. Topics for discussion

- 1 Have you experienced a life-changing event?
- 2 Who is the kindest person you've ever met?
- 3 What are your favourite subjects at school? What are you interested in studying?
- 4 Have either of your parents asked you to do something important for them? What did they ask and what did you do?

IV. Activities

A *Match the words to the pictures.*

mobile phone computer calculator pen suitcase
 bottle of ink books money microscope coat



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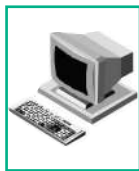
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B *Now, look at the items in activity A and say which of them Frankenstein can't/must/may/might have taken with him on his trip to Ingolstadt.*

E.g. He can't have taken a calculator with him to Ingolstadt.

Chapter 2

C *Look at the character descriptions and match them to the adjectives.*

caring faithful intelligent loving
selfish kind hard-working

Frankenstein

- a thought only about himself.
- b didn't mind studying hard.
- c won a scholarship.

Frankenstein's mother

- d cared about her family.
- e was always ready to help people.

Henry Clerval

- f showed love to other people.
- g never betrayed friends.

D **WRITING**

Look at the following plan and write a description of Frankenstein.

Plan – Description of a Person

Introduction

Paragraph 1: Name, what he/she does



Main Body

Paragraph 2: Appearance: *tall, etc.*

Paragraph 3: Personality: *selfish, etc.* (with examples/ explanation)

Paragraph 4: Hobbies/Interests: *studying, etc.*



Conclusion

Paragraph 5: Comments about him/her (say what you think of him/her)



Vocabulary Exercises

I. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the box.

keep	whisper	sit	faithful	sunny
take	win	do	create	natural

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 a friend | 6 to |
| 2 to | one's place |
| a scholarship | 7 to speak in a |
| 3 a day | 8 sciences |
| 4 to life | 9 to research |
| 5 to one's promise | 10 to an exam. |

II. Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition from the box.

into	at	in	of	from	over	on
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- We've decided to spend our holidays the mountains.
- Tim's a student the University of London.
- The boy tried to climb the wall.
- I can't concentrate my homework when there is a lot of noise.
- The expedition will take place over a period ten days.
- The bomb exploded and the whole building burst flames.
- The prisoners managed to escape and get away the prison.....



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