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法兰克恩斯坦

玛丽·葛德文（1797—1851）生于伦敦。1816年，她嫁给了珀西·拜希·雪莱（英国最有名的诗人之一）。1818年，在瑞典度假时，她同丈夫及朋友写了《法兰克恩斯坦》。法兰克恩斯坦医生给一个仿制人赋予了生命，那个仿制人走出了实验室去寻找爱。警察认为它杀了一个妇女和一个女孩，但事实上，是它救了她们。

致 读 者

许多家长常常抱怨自己的孩子不爱学习英语。为了孩子学好英语,送他们参加各种学习班,甚至请家庭教师。但是,孩子的成绩还是上不去,往往事倍功半。

一位心理学家说过,学习的最大动力是兴趣。没有兴趣的学习,学什么也是注定学不好的。

说惯了自己的母语去学习英语,最大的困扰是枯燥、乏味。除了课堂上学过的单词和课文,什么也看不到,或者看不懂。在书店里买不到适于少年儿童初学英语可以阅读的书籍。

现在,我们出版的《AAA 精释英语阅读系列》,就是一套能激起学生学习兴趣的阅读书。这套引进 Libreria Meravigli Edirrie 的简化英语读物,全都是由英语专家根据世界名著,简化词汇量,编辑而成的。所选编的故事都十分生动有趣,为世界各国孩子们所喜爱,书上提供的练习也颇具趣味性。

全套书共分 4 级。1 级的词汇量为 300 个单词,就是说只要掌握 300 个单词就可以阅读;2 级的词汇量为 500 个单词;3 级的词汇量为 600~1000 个单词;随着词汇量的增多,就可以阅读 4 级了。在结构设计上,

本书也独具特色。1~3级左边是故事,右边是练习;4级左边是故事,右边是生词,书后是练习。设计这些练习和游戏,帮助学习语法知识,检验理解能力,不再需要多余的作业,一扫学生学习英语通常出现的恐惧感,使学生在学习中不知不觉地克服了畏难情绪,增加了安全感(Assurance)。

每篇故事短小精悍,既保留了世界名著的原貌,又使孩子们能一睹名著风采。每个故事独立成册,不要用多少时间就能读完一册。“瞧,今天我又读了一本世界名著!”孩子们多高兴啊!这种学习上的成就感(Achievement),无疑是学好英语的强大动力所在。

从阅读1级开始吧!你只要掌握300个词汇就足够了。再增加200个词汇,就奔向2级;再增加100个词汇,就奔向3级……当你进入了AAA精释英语系列,就像踏上了高速行驶的列车,用难以置信的加速度(Acceleration)闯入英语世界。

祝你成功!

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Frankenstein

Mary Shelley

Mary Godwin (1797-1851) was born in London. In 1816 she married Percy Bysshe Shelley, one of England's most famous poets. In 1818, during a holiday in Switzerland, she wrote "Frankenstein" with her husband and their friends. Dr Frankenstein gives life to a creature who goes out his laboratory to find a little love. The police think it killed a woman and a girl but, in fact, it saved them.

VERY EASY READERS

ARE STORIES THAT ALL CHILDREN KNOW AND LOVE.

THEY ARE WRITTEN IN AN EASY ENGLISH.

THE ACTIVITIES AND GAMES MAKE THE BOOKS

GOOD FUN TOO!

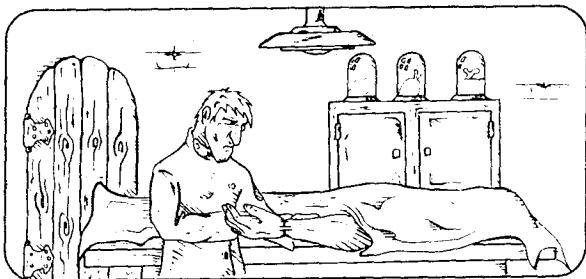
FRANKENSTEIN

"It is finished", he said, "and I'm brilliant. Brilliant and clever¹."

And he is beautiful!"!

Doctor Frankenstein looked at his work. On the table was a man. He was very big, over² two and a half metres tall and he wasn't beautiful at all. In fact he was extremely³ ugly⁴.

"My friends made fun of⁵ me when I said I could invent a man", said Frankenstein, "but I was right⁶! I was right!"



1. **brilliant/clever:** intelligent.
2. **over:** more than.
3. **extremely:** very.
4. **ugly:** is the opposite of beautiful.
5. **to make fun of:** to laugh at.
6. **to be right:** to be correct.

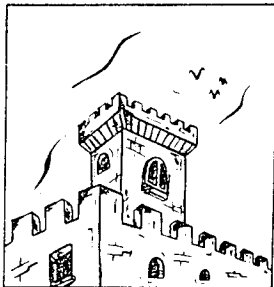
ACTIVITY



Tall people - High things.

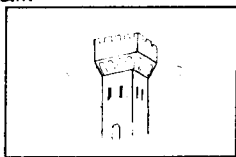


How **tall** is the creature? .
It's two and a half **metres** tall.



How **high** is the tower?

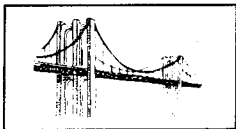
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12 metres

How **long** is the bridge ?

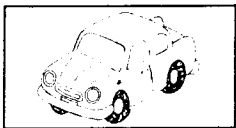
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140 metres

How **old** is the car ?

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The man's body was big and his legs were fat. His arms were too long, they touched his knees. His feet were enormous¹ and both left. The head was huge with a small mouth and short black hair. His face was yellow. His skin² was like³ leather⁴ and his ears, one big and one small, were purple⁵. His eyes were closed.

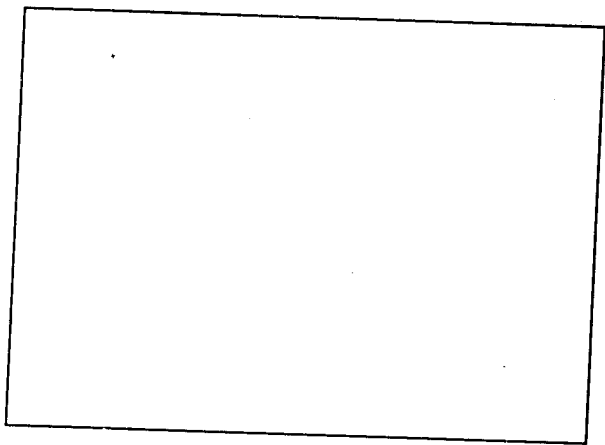


1. **huge/enormous:** very big.
2. **skin:** it covers all your body.
3. **to be like:** to be similar.
4. **leather:** treated animal skin.
5. **purple:** a colour-violet.

ACTIVITY



Draw Frankenstein's creature and colour it.



What's wrong with the creature?

His body is too big.

His arms

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"What a lot of work", thought Frankenstein. "A year's work, but I'm satisfied. A year of experiments¹ and sleepless² nights. But now, I'm ready³ for the final test!

Everyday I went to the hospitals to buy bodies. When there weren't any, I went to the cemeteries⁴. I went to every town in the district. But it was very difficult. Some people are short and some are tall. Some are fat, others are thin. Why can't people be the same size⁵?"



1. **experiments:** tests.
2. **sleepless:** you can't sleep.
3. **to be ready:** to be prepared.
4. **cemetery:** where the dead are put.
5. **the same size:** the same measurements.

ACTIVITY

 Look at the description of Fred.



Fred - 1mt 75

Age - 20

Clever

Fred is 1 metre 75. He's twenty years old.
He's got a fat body, thin legs and long
hair. He's very clever.

 Now write about Dan.



Dan - 1mt 92

Age - 37

Ugly

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"Now", thought Frankenstein. "I'm very good at maths¹. I always had very good marks² at school because I worked very hard³.

So, I'm positive my calculations are correct. Now, all I need is a storm⁴. A storm that will produce enough⁵ electricity to put life into my creature. Then my experiment will be complete. He will be good, kind and very intelligent, like me⁶! I shall be famous! I'll be in all the newspapers! I shall probably get the Nobel Prize!"



1. **maths:** mathematics.
2. **marks:** results.
3. **to work very hard:** to work a lot.
4. **storm:** very bad weather.
5. **enough:** sufficient.
6. **like me:** the same as me.

ACTIVITY



Are you good at maths?

+ plus	– less
÷ divided by	x multiplied by
= equals	

$$\begin{array}{r} 60+ \\ \hline 120= \end{array}$$

180

$$\begin{array}{r} 124- \\ \hline 23= \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 95 : \\ \hline 5 = \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \times \\ \hline 8 = \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 17+ \\ \hline 50= \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 99- \\ \hline 14= \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 120 : \\ \hline 4 = \end{array}$$

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Now write the numbers.

Sixty plus a hundred and twenty equals a hundred and eighty.

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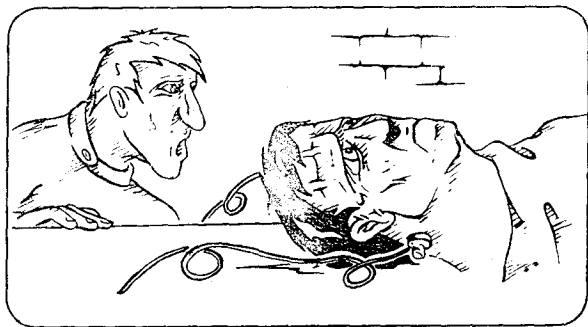
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Doctor Frankenstein built¹ a machine. It was a very complicated² machine! He put it on the roof³ of the house. The creature was attached⁴ to the machine. Doctor Frankenstein waited for a big storm. When the storm arrived, a flash of lightning⁵ went into the machine and into the creature. It sat⁶ up!

Doctor Frankenstein was so pleased he jumped up and down!

Very slowly the creature opened it's eyes. They were small eyes, one blue, one brown.



1. to build. built: to construct.
2. complicated: difficult.
3. roof: on the top of the house.
4. attached: connected.
5. lightning: flash of light in the sky.
6. sat: is the past tense of to sit.