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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。

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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.*

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GOOD FUN TOO!

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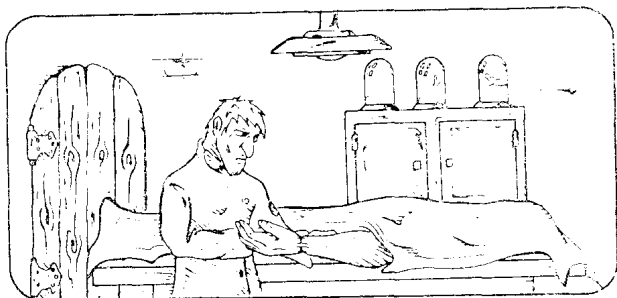
FRANKENSTEIN

"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 right!" I was right!"

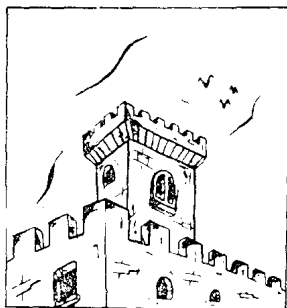


1. **brilliant/clever:** intelligent.
2. **over:** more than.
3. **extremely:** very.
4. **ugly:** is the opposite of beautiful.
5. **to make fun of:** to laugh at.
6. **to be right:** to be correct.

ACTIVITY



Tall people - High things.

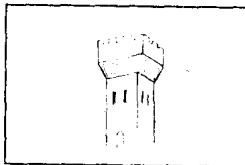


How **tall** is the creature?

It's two and a half **metres** tall.

How **high** is the tower?

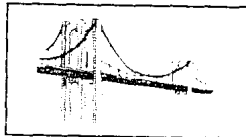
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12 metres

How **long** is the bridge ?

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140 metres

How **old** is the car ?

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1975

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.

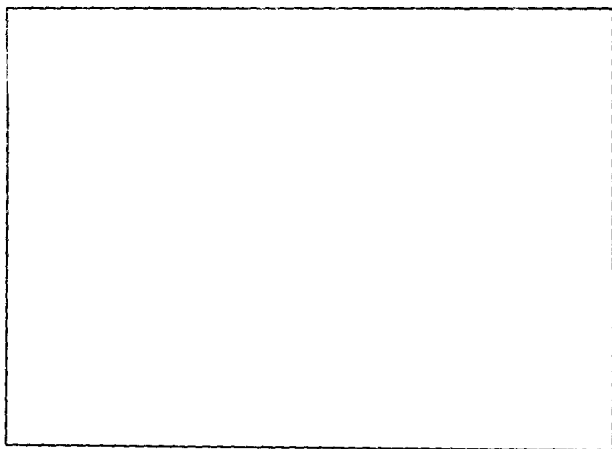


1. **huge/enormous:** very big.
2. **skin:** it covers all your body.
3. **to be like:** to be similar.
4. **leather:** treated animal skin.
5. **purple:** a colour-violet.

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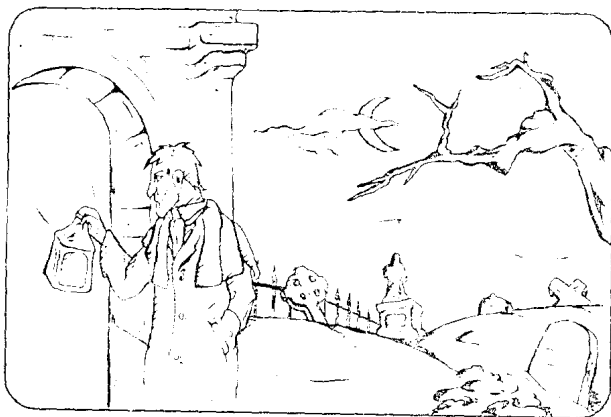
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"What a lot of work", thought Frankenstein. "A year's work, but I'm satisfied. A year of experiments¹ and sleepless² nights. But now, I'm ready³ for the final test!

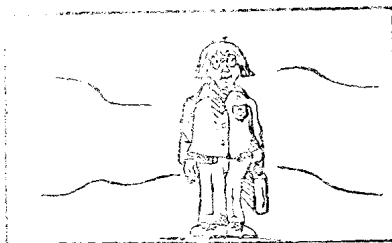
Everyday I went to the hospitals to buy bodies. When there weren't any, I went to the cemeteries⁴. I went to every town in the district. But it was very difficult. Some people are short and some are tall. Some are fat, others are thin. Why can't people be the same size⁵?"



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 1metre 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			

$60 +$

$120 =$

180

$124 -$

$23 =$

$.....$

$95 :$

$5 =$

$.....$

$16 \times$

$8 =$

$.....$

$17 +$

$50 =$

$.....$

$99 -$

$14 =$

$.....$

$120 :$

$4 =$

$.....$

$15 \times$

$4 =$

$.....$



Now write the numbers.

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

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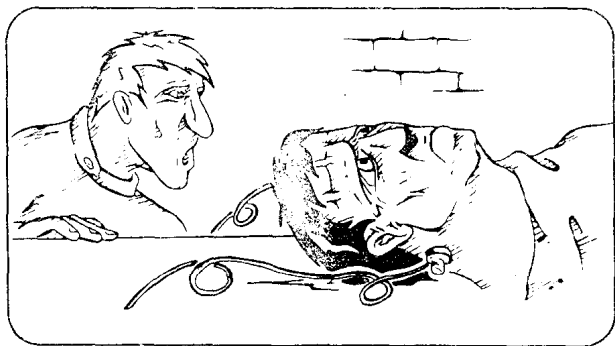
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Doctor Frankenstein built¹ a machine. It was a very complicated² machine! He put it on the roof³ of the house. The creature was attached⁴ to the machine. Doctor Frankenstein waited for a big storm. When the storm arrived, a flash of lightning⁵ went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


Doctor Frankenstein was so pleased he jumped up and down!

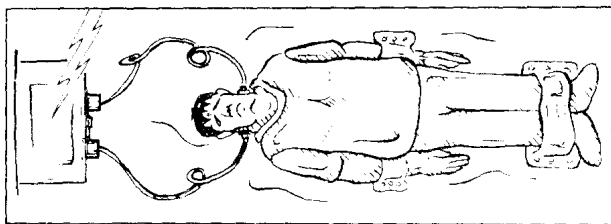
Very slowly the creature opened it's eyes. They were small eyes, one blue, one brown.



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.

ACTIVITY

 Answer the questions about the story



What did Frank build?

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What happened when the flash of lightning came?

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What did the creature do?

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What did doctor Frank do?

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What colour were its eyes?

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Was it beautiful?

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