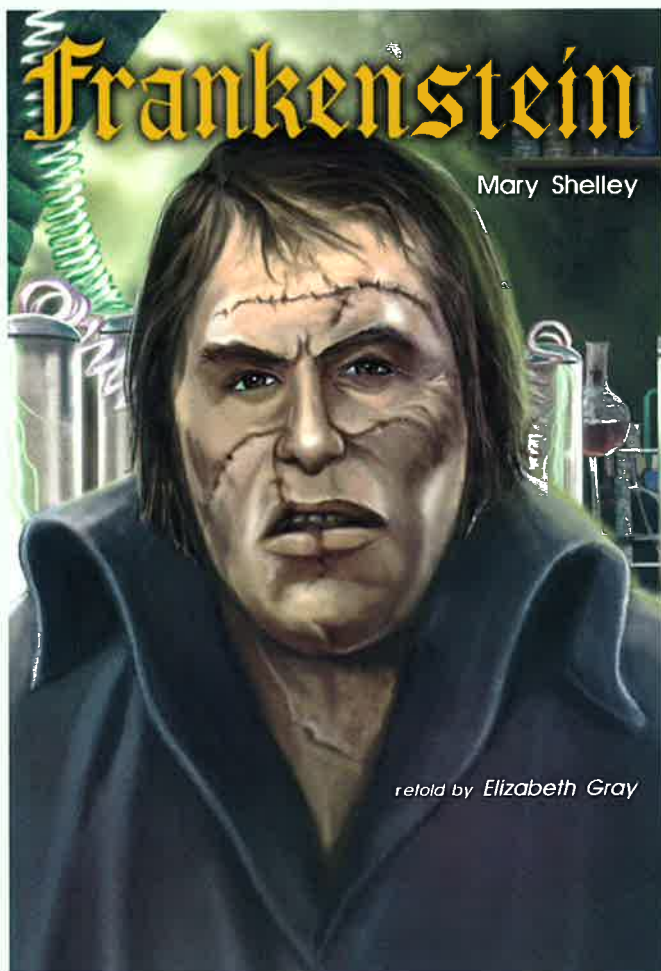


Activity Book



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Introductory Lesson

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Before reading:

- 1 Look at the front cover of the book and describe what you can see.
- 2 How much do you know about the story of Frankenstein? Answer the following statements with *True* or *False* and check your answers with the rest of the class.
 - a The person on the front cover is called Frankenstein.
 - b Frankenstein was a scientist who created a monster.
 - c Frankenstein loved the monster he created.
 - d People hated the monster.
- 3 Read the back cover and then write **F** for Frankenstein, **M** for the monster and **B** for both. Justify your answers.
intelligent , scientist , ugly ,
evil , murderer , frightened ,
kind , enormous , loving ,
handsome

4 Read about Mary Shelley and answer the questions.

Mary Shelley was an English writer. She was born in London, England, in 1797. She wrote several novels. 'Frankenstein', which was written in 1818, is her most famous novel. It tells the story of a scientist who created a human being with terrible results. Many famous horror films have been made about that man-made monster. Mary Shelley's other novels include 'Valpurga' (1823), which is set in medieval Italy, and 'The Last Man' (1826), in which a killer disease wipes out humanity with the exception of one lone survivor.

She was the second wife of Percy Shelley, one of the most distinguished English poets. Together they travelled in Europe and lived in France and Italy. After her husband's death in 1822 she returned to England where she continued to write.

She died in London in 1851.

- 1 Where and when was she born?
- 2 What is 'Frankenstein' about?
- 3 What are some of her other novels about?
- 4 Who was she married to?
- 5 Where did they live?
- 6 When did she die?

From Captain Walton's Log Book

I. Listening



Listen to the cassette and fill in the gaps with no more than two words.

- a For a moment I thought I had made a
- b I was certain that the two beings I had seen must in the cold.
- c By some miracle the man is not dead, but it is impossible to with him.
- d He often sits up and in his sleep.
- e I am very curious to know what to the frozen north.
- f He calls him

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 What did the captain see when he was on deck?
- 2 What was the weather like during the night?
- 3 What did he see the next day on a large piece of ice?
- 4 What condition was the man in when they found him?
- 5 What did the man do in his sleep?
- 6 What was the man's name?

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 Why was Frankenstein chasing the giant? Why did he risk his life to catch the criminal?
- 2 What is the relationship between the giant and Frankenstein?
- 3 Can you imagine what it is like in the frozen north?

IV. Activities

A Look at the following table and circle the odd word out in each group. Then, use the rest of the words to describe your favourite actor/singer/athlete.

Height	short, oval, tall, of average height
Build	plump, well-built, square, slim, thin
Age	in his/her early twenties, big, middle-aged, teenager
Eyes	brown, green, large, white, small, almond-shaped
Nose	big, large, hooked, crooked, small, curly
Hair	straight, long, tall, grey, curly, shoulder-length
Special features	scar, moustache, beard, dimples, suit, freckles, mole

B Read the following extracts and decide in which the weather was a) hot and sunny, b) cold, rainy and cloudy, c) snowy and freezing, d) stormy and windy.

- 1 The sky was grey. I stayed in the hotel most of the time because it was wet outside. I wished I was at home.
- 2 I sunbathed on the beach and drank iced water to cool me down. I didn't want it to end.

- 3 Strong winds were blowing and the waves were crashing on the shore. Soon, a storm broke and we had to stay indoors. We left early the next morning.
- 4 The children played in the snow making snowmen while we skied on the slopes. We had such a great time we decided to visit the place the following year.

C Use the words below to write three different beginnings for the story of Frankenstein.

I was on deck looking out across the endless field of ice.

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| a) weather-cold/misty | b) feel-lonely/bored | c) suddenly-see |
| icy wind-blow | suddenly-see-man | strange looking |
| storm-come | be surprised | man-be-tall- |
| | | walk-like an ape |
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