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You like reading horror stories. You have found a book review on a famous horror story. Read the book review.

Text 1 Book review

A review of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*



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① Victor Frankenstein is an eccentric scientist in the 18th century who longs to uncover the secret of life. After covertly stealing body parts from graves, he combines them in order to create a monster, which he manages to bring to life. However, as soon as he sees the monstrosity he has created, he is so repulsed by it that he flees and abandons it. The monster seeks revenge on the man who made him by going after his family.

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② In *Frankenstein*, you get to hear the story from both the monster's and scientist's points of view. To me, the monster behaved the way it did out of loneliness. Due of its hideousness, no one was willing to befriend Frankenstein's monster. The monster forces Frankenstein to make him a mate to keep him accompany. Though the doctor initially agrees to this project, he ends up going back on his word out of fear that he might end up creating even more monsters.

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③ I recommend this horror novel because it is terrifying and well written. Mary Shelley wrote *Frankenstein* during the 'Year Without a Summer', which occurred in 1816 following a massive volcanic eruption. Shelley, who was only 18 years old at the time, was staying with friends in a summer house on a lake in Switzerland. Due to the cold, gloomy weather, they decided to write scary stories. Who knew that Shelley's would become a classic?

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④ I used to avoid reading classic novels like *Frankenstein* because of the old-fashioned language, however, I got used to this very quickly because the story was so captivating! I could not wait to turn the next page.

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Challenging reading and comprehension

Unit 7

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Comprehension 1 Your friend is asking you about the book review on 'Frankenstein'. Read the book review and answer his questions. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

Complete the note sheet.

Title	(1)
Author	(2)
Main characters	(3)
Setting	(4)
Genre	(5)

6 Why did Frankenstein make the monster? Answer with your own words.



7 How did Victor Frankenstein feel when he saw his creation come to life? Why do you think he feels this way?

8 Find words in paragraph 1 that mean the same as the following:

- i) unusual _____
- ii) secretly _____
- iii) disgusted _____
- iv) runs away _____

9 The book reviewer feels _____ the monster.

- A afraid of
- B angry with
- C sorry for
- D dislike for

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10 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

Because the monster was so _____, no one wanted to be its _____.

11 Decide whether the following statements are **True (T)**, **False (F)** or the information is **Not Given (NG)** in paragraph 2.

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Both Frankenstein and the monster tell parts of the story.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The monster is upset with Frankenstein.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Dr Frankenstein created a companion for the monster.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12 i) Why was 1816 called the 'Year Without a Summer'?



ii) How do you think this inspired Shelley to write Frankenstein?

13 What does 'this' refer to in line 24?

14 What was the writer's opinion of the book?. Tick (✓) all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> well-written | <input type="checkbox"/> fascinating | <input type="checkbox"/> touching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> monotonous | <input type="checkbox"/> frightening | <input type="checkbox"/> inspiring |



15 Based on this review, do you want to read *Frankenstein*? Why or why not?
