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Your friend is interested in sci-fi stories and stories about supernatural beings. He has given you an extract of his favourite novel. Read the novel extract.

#### Text 1 Novel extract

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells Chapter 5 1 One hot and stuffy morning, I was looking for shelter in the ruins to escape the heat when I found a narrow gallery. I went into the darkness. I had to grope around because my eyes were used to the bright daylight outside. Suddenly, I stopped dead in my tracks as my 5 eyes adjusted to the gloom. A pair of luminous eyes was observing me in the darkness! 2 The fear of wild beasts suddenly overcame me. I held my fists tightly and stared into the glaring eyeballs. I was rooted to the spot, unable to move. Overcoming my fear, I stepped forward and spoke. 10 My voice was harsh and hesitant. I reached out. My fingers touched something soft. At once, the eyes darted sideways. Something white rushed past me. My heart was in my mouth as I slowly turned. There was a weird ape-like figure. It tripped over a rock and hid behind a pile of fallen stones. 15 3 It moved too swiftly for me to see it properly. However, I knew it was a dull white colour and it had large greyish-red eyes. It had long limbs and blonde hair on its body. At first, I did not know what to do. Then I decided to follow it and came across a round well-like opening. I lit a match and looked down. I saw a pale creature with enormous 20 bright eyes. It stared at me as it retreated and backed away. A chill ran down my spine. It was a human spider!

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	The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
	4 'If I saw this as a child, I would have nightmares every day,' I thought to myself.
25	It took a long while for me to persuade myself that the monster I saw was human. Yet, gradually, an idea came to me: humans had probably split into two different species. There were the graceful people known as the Eloi in the Upper-world. Then there was this white beast that lived in the darkness underneath.
	There were three clues that made me think this creature rarely came to the surface. First of all, it had that pale look common in animals that dwelled in the dark, such as in caves. Secondly, it had gigantic eyes. They are typical of nocturnal creatures, such as owls and big cats. Finally, this specimen exhibited signs of confusion in the sunshine. It awkwardly fled towards the dark shadows, as though the light hurt its eyes. If it were used to being in daylight, it would not be afraid of this brightness.
40	I came to wonder if more of these spidery creatures lived underground. I imagined many tunnels beneath my feet. I began to wonder how the human race had split into two. I came up with a theory. However, I soon discovered that it fell far short of the truth

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Ar	omprehension 1 Your sister wants to swer her questions using information fro estions, choose the best answer and bla	om the r	novel extract. For multiple					
1	What is the setting of the story?	6	Based on the information paragraph 3, use ONE wo complete each blank.		1			
			Profile of the creature					
			Eye colour: (i) Hair colour: (ii)					
<b>Co</b> Ans que	Find a word in paragraph 1 that means 'very bright'.							
	very bright.		Skin colour: (iii)					
			Resembles a (iv)					
3	The narrator was 'rooted to the spot' (line 8) because he felt  O A terrified	7	Order the following events in the novel extract. Number the events (1–5).					
	O Bexhausted		The narrator followed tl	ne				
1 2 3	O C surprised		creature to a well-like opening.					
	O D miserable							
	O D Miscrable		The creature ran past the narrator.					
1 2 3	Give THREE examples from paragraph 2 which show that the atmosphere is scary and uncertain.		The narrator saw a pair of eyes in the darkness.					
	i)		The narrator found a gallery.					
			The narrator touched th creature.	ie	from rd to  s in the novel ts (1–5).  e  of eyes  lery. e  onts True (T),			
Col Ans que 1 2	ii)							
	iii)	8	Are the following statemer False (F) or Not Given (No.		rue (	(T),		
			Statements	Т	F	NG		
5	How do you think the creature felt when the narrator touched it? Use evidence from the text to support your		<ul> <li>i) The narrator could not see clearly in the gallery.</li> </ul>	0	0	0		
	answer.		<ul><li>ii) The creature thought the narrator was a monster.</li></ul>	0	0	0		
			iii) The narrator is a child.	0	0	0		

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9	i)	hat are the 'two different s										
10	W	Which of the following is NOT a clue that the creature probably lived underground?										
	Α	It had unusually large eye	nusually large eyes.									
	В	It seemed confused in the	brig	ht l	ight.							
	С	It acted like a large cat.							Α	В	C	D
	D	Its skin was very light.							C	) (	) (	0 0
11	W	hich of the following best d	escril	oes	the tone	9 (	of the story?	)				
	Α	touching			С		mysterious		Α	В	C	D
	В	nostalgic			D		regretful		C	) (	) (	0 0
12		omplete the summary of the re your answers are gramm				lse	e ONE word	to comp	lete each	bla	nk.	Make
	The narrator noticed a pair of (i) in the darkness (ii) him. He felt (iii) , but then reached out to (iv) whatever it was. It ran away immediately. He could not see it clearly. All he saw was that it was (v) in colour and resembled a/an (vi)									It ran		
	The narrator eventually realized that it was actually (vii), even though it looked so (viii) Then he theorized that there were two (ix) of people: one that lived in the Upper-world, and one that lived (x) But how did this happen?											
13	Fir	nd words from the text with	thes	e n	neanings.	•						
	<ul><li>i) a long narrow room (n., paragraph 1)</li><li>ii) feel your way with your hands (v., paragraph 1)</li></ul>											
	iii) got used to a new situation (v., paragraph 1)											
	i	v) lived somewhere (v., par	agrap	oh 6	5)							
	v	active at night (adj., para	grap	h 6)	)							
	Щ.											