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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 overwhelmed me. I clenched my fists and stared into the glaring eyeballs. I was rooted to the spot, unable to move. Overcoming my fear, I stepped forward and spoke. My 10 voice was harsh and hesitant. I reached out and touched something soft. At once the eyes darted sideways, and something white rushed past me. My heart was in my mouth as I slowly turned and saw 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, but 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, but 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 bright 20 eyes which 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 monstrosity I saw was human. But, 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, and 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, which are typical of nocturnal creatures, such as owls and big cats. Finally, this specimen exhibited signs of confusion in the sunshine, and 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 ponder 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 from estions, choose the best answer and black	om the r	novel extract. For multiple				
1	What is the setting of the story?	6	Based on the information paragraph 3, use ONE wor complete each blank.		1		
			Profile of the creature				
	Find a word in paragraph 1 that means 'very bright'.		Eye colour: (i)	_			
2			Hair colour: (ii)				
	, 0		Skin colour: (iii)				
			Resembles a (iv)				
3	Why was the narrator 'rooted to the spot' in line 8?	7	Order the following events extract. Number the event			ovel	
4			The narrator followed the creature to a well-like opening.				
	Give THREE examples from paragraph 2 which show that the atmosphere is scary and uncertain.		The creature ran past the narrator.	5	_		
	i)		The narrator saw a pair of eyes in the darkness.				
	ii)		The narrator found a gall	lery.	_		
	iii)		The narrator touched the creature.	ē	_		
		8	Are the following stateme False (F) or Not Given (NG		rue ((T),	
5	How do you think the creature felt when the narrator touched it? Use		Statements	т	F	NG	
	evidence from the text to support your answer.		 i) The narrator could not see clearly in the gallery. 	0	0	0	
			ii) The creature thought the narrator was a monster.	0	0	0	
			iii) The narrator is a	0	0	0	

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)	i)	hat are the 'two different s	·			lit into?			
LO		Which of the following is NOT a clue that the creature probably lived underground? A It had unusually large eyes.							
	В	It seemed confused in th		nt light					
	С	It acted like a large cat.	e brigi	it ligiit.		A B C D			
	D	Its skin was very light.				0000			
l1	WI	hich of the following best (describ	es the tone	of the story?				
	Α	touching		С	mysterious	A B C D			
	В	nostalgic		D	regretful	0000			
L 2		Complete the following infographic using information from the report. You may use more than one word for some of the blanks.							
	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)								
	loc of	e narrator eventually realioked so (viii)people: one that lived in two did this happen?	Ther	n he theoriz	ed that there were	e two (ix)			
L3	Fin	nd words from the text wit	h these	e meanings.					
	i) a long narrow room (n., paragraph 1)								
	ii) feel your way with your hands (v., paragraph 1)								
	iii) got used to a new situation (v., paragraph 1)								
	i۱	iv) lived somewhere (v., paragraph 6)							
	V) active at night (adj., par	agraph	ı 6)					