



FRANKENSTEIN

MARY SHELLEY

STAGE 4
B2
YOUNG ADULT READERS

ACTIVITY

Put the right words in the gaps.

Now that you **1 have read / will read** this story dear Margaret, **2 do you feel / have you felt** the same sense of horror, the same feelings of terror that I do? I **3 have written / write** the story down as a single narrative, but it was not like that when he **4 was telling / has told** it to me. Sometimes he was not able to continue his story and had to stop **5 speaking / to speak**, he was in agony, both physically and mentally. Other times, his voice became broken and piercing and through the words he **6 was trying / has tried** to say you **7 could / can** hear his anguish. Other times he **8 would tell / had told** me the most horrible things in a calm, quiet way as if they did not upset him at all and then suddenly without warning, like a volcano **9 erupting / to erupt**, he would become furious with rage and he would scream out, cursing his enemy. His behaviour was difficult **10 to watch / watching**.

ANSWERS:
1 have read; 2 do you feel; 3 have written; 4 was telling; 5 speaking;
6 was trying; 7 could; 8 would tell; 9 erupting; 10 to watch



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TEST YOURSELF

Use new words from this story to complete the sentences below.

criminal - evidence - grateful - honest - reassured
relieved - rudeness - shadow - skeleton - tapped

- 1 It was so _____ that I was safe after the night I had spent in my boat out in that storm, that I did not worry about why these people were angry.
- 2 My good friends,' I said, smiling at them, 'I would be very _____ if you could tell me where I am.'
- 3 I was surprised by his _____ and the anger in his voice.
- 4 Another man came up to me, he _____ me on the shoulder and said, 'Come, Sir. You must come with me.'
- 5 Ireland is a free country for _____ men, but we don't welcome _____.
- 6 My father came into my room, and immediately _____ me that everyone at home was well.
- 7 Three months after I had first arrived in Ireland, new _____ came from people in Scotland. They confirmed that I had been there, so I was released from prison.
- 8 I was so thin and ill that I looked like a walking _____. I was only a _____ of a human being.

ANSWERS: 1 relieved; 2 grateful; 3 rudeness; 4 tapped; 5 honest; criminals; 6 reassured; 7 evidence; 8 skeleton; shadow



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FCE - Speaking

**Work in pairs. Ask and ask each other questions about travelling.
Use the prompts to help you.**

- like / travelling?
- prefer hot / cold places?
- prefer comfort / adventure?
- travel to Artic / Antarctic?
- why / why not?
- desert / tropics?
- why / why not?
- top of travel wish list? Why?



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FOCUS ON...

WHY IS FRANKENSTEIN THE “MODERN PROMETHEUS”?

Frankenstein’s comparison to Prometheus is deeply meaningful. Like the mythological figure who confronted the father of all divinities Zeus, Dr. Frankenstein shows an heroic strain in the character, as well as his being fated to a lifetime of afflictions for his actions. The story of Prometheus had particular relevance in the British Romantic period which praised the image of Prometheus as a tragic, solitary hero, an inspired creator, opponent of the gods, and the lonely sufferer. All these features are also present in Frankenstein. This are the reason why, then, Shelley used this as the subtitle to her gorgeous novel.

