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These notes and activities are designed to help you practise and improve your English as you read the comic excerpt from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (www.grammarmancomic.com/frankenstein.html). The full comic is available from www.classicalcomics.com – along with a range of other comics.

The text in this comic is quite high level and there's some tricky vocabulary. Read the story through and try to follow the general meaning. Don't worry too much about unfamiliar words and phrases. Try to guess meaning from the context of the story and the illustrations.

Read the comic aloud to practice your pronunciation. Use intonation to make the story more dramatic.



Personality and Character

Match these adjectives to their definitions ...

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| a) lovely | good-natured, generous and gentle |
| b) rude | imaginative and productive |
| c) supportive | loves to read and learn |
| d) kind | pushy and offensive |
| e) creative | having a strong desire for success |
| f) studious | delightful, having a beautiful spirit |
| g) loyal | impolite |
| h) wise | providing help and encouragement |
| i) ambitious | faithful, a good friend |
| j) aggressive | knowing what is true and right |

Find these characters in the story and use adjectives to describe them:



Victor Von Frankenstein is _____ and _____.

Elizabeth Lavenza is _____ and _____.

Monsieur Waldman is _____ and _____.

Monsieur Kempe is _____ and _____.

Henry Clerval is _____ and _____.

Verb or Noun?

Look through the comic again and find these ten words:

stump

adore

destiny

tend

reveal

reputation

shatter

worm

ribbon

recover

From the context, guess which words are verbs and which are nouns.

Use a dictionary (if you don't have a dictionary, use

www.dictionary.com) to check your answers, and also check the

meaning of any words you don't know.



In Other Words

Search the comic for sentences that mean the same as these sentences:

1. I loved her a lot
2. We were nearly the same age.
3. I wanted to learn.
4. I worked alone.
5. First I was happy, but then I was scared.
6. I would be famous if I could stop sickness.
7. Maybe we will meet again in another life.
8. My work was more important to me than my health.



Answer Key

Personality and Character

a)	lovely	delightful, having a beautiful spirit
b)	rude	impolite
c)	supportive	providing help and encouragement
d)	kind	good-natured, generous and gentle
e)	creative	imaginative and productive
f)	studious	loves to read and learn
g)	loyal	faithful, a good friend
h)	wise	knowing what is true and right
i)	ambitious	having a strong desire for success
j)	aggressive	pushy and offensive

Victor Von Frankenstein is studious and ambitious.

Elizabeth Lavenza is lovely and kind.

Monsieur Waldman is supportive and wise.

Monsieur Kempe is rude and aggressive.

Henry Clerval is creative and loyal.

Verb or Noun?

Verbs: adore, tend, reveal, shatter, recover

Nouns: stump, destiny, reputation, worm, ribbon

In Other Words

1. I truly adored her.
2. There was less than a year between us.
3. I longed to acquire knowledge
4. In a solitary room I worked on my creation.
5. The beauty of the dream vanished, and I was filled with horror.
6. What glory would be mine, if I could rid man of illness!
7. I hope to see you in another world.
8. So determined was I, that I made myself ill. I didn't stop working even to look after myself.