

Art and the Power of Words

1/ The Elephant Man. Questions about the first chapter « The creature in the shop ».

Who's the narrator of that story?

The.....

Read page 2 and quote the passage justifying the presence of the word « creature ».

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As he was walking down the street, something attracted the doctor's attention. What was it ?

It was.....

What details shows that he really wanted to see the « creature » ?

The doctor.....

How did the doctor feel when he got into the room ?

He.....

Complete the doctor the notes about what the doctor saw with following words. Be careful : two of them are useless !

hidden	did	could
much	head	back
right	delicate	many
skin	like	allowed

The patient's seems abnormally big and it looks like a huge bag with too books in it. I didn't see much hair on his head but there was a lot of covering a large part of his face. I could not really see his eyes, partly by the skin. Out of his mouth came an enormous red tooth. He not possibly smile or laugh. There were big bags of skin on his back. His right arm was enormous and the hand looked like a foot, but surprisingly the left hand was as as a woman's hand. When he tried to move, I noticed that he could not walk very well because he had a bad too. In the room, the smell was very unpleasant because the poor man was treated an animal and not to wash normally.

2 / Be curious : if you're willing to know more about Joseph Merrick's unhappy fate, you may watch the following video. Watch it with English subtitles !

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Te8kJrxLt-4>

3 / Grammar : because of his conditions, there are many things that Joseph couldn't do. In the following exercise, you must complete the sentences with « can / can't / could / couldn't ». Be careful !

1. I _____ go to the party last night because I was sick.
2. A: _____ Noël really cook Italian food? B: Yes, he _____.
3. My sister _____ swim last year, but now she _____.
4. They _____ go shopping yesterday because the store was closed.
5. A: _____ you read when you were four years old? B: Of course, I _____.
6. Ellie _____ ride a bicycle. She rides it to school every day.
7. I'm very tired, so I _____ go out to the park to play.
8. A: _____ you see the moon last night? B: No, I _____. It was too cloudy.
9. When _____ I talk to you about the company report?
10. Most dinosaurs walked on land, but some _____ fly or even swim.
11. Excuse me, I _____ hear you right now. The music is much too loud.
12. I _____ drive a truck when I was only sixteen years old.
13. Douglas hit the tree because he _____ stop his car.
14. Honestly, how many hot dogs _____ you eat in five minutes ?
15. I _____ read without my reading glasses. Where are they?