

## 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 ».

« ..... »

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?