

THE ELEPHANT MAN



OXFORD
BOOKWORMS



Before Reading



Read the sentences and try to guess the answers.

- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1- People laugh at him. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2- He is very old. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3- People put him in a cage, like an animal. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4- Children like him. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5- A doctor wants to study him. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6- His name is Joseph Merrick. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

YES

NO

hospital



in front of

These boxes are in front of
the man.



behind



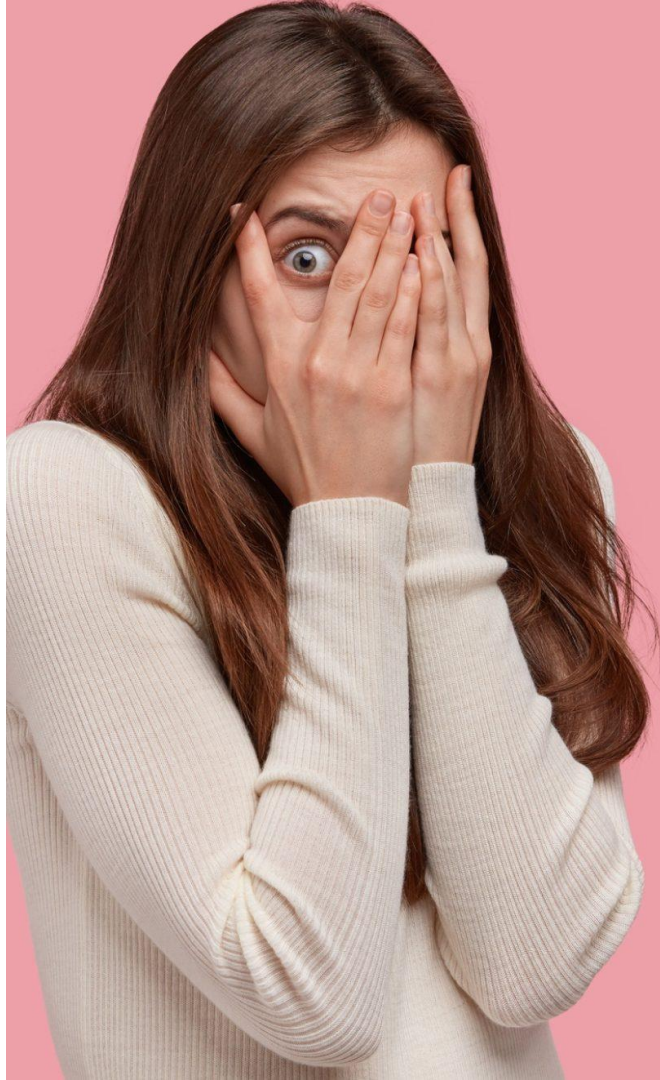


He feels **interested**.



angry

afraid

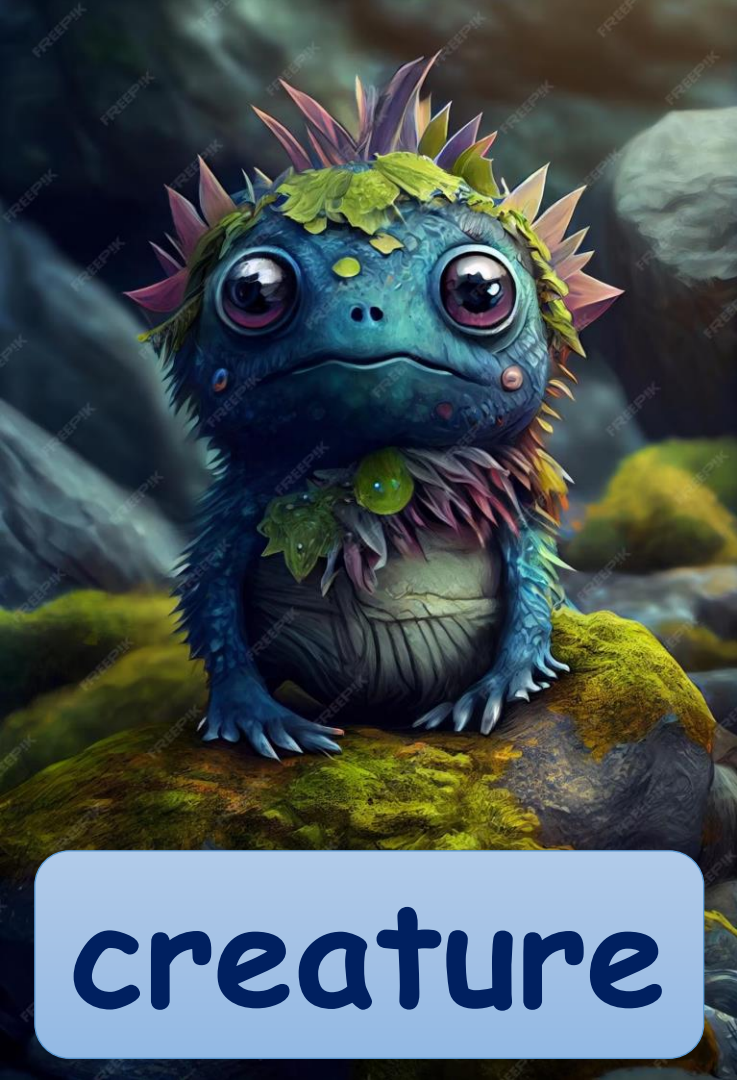




ugly



smell



creature

human





My name is Dr. Frederick Treves. I am a doctor at the London Hospital. One day in 1884, I saw a picture in the window of a shop near the hospital. I stopped in front of the shop and looked at the picture. At first I felt interested, then I felt angry, then afraid.



One day, Dr Treves saw a picture in a shop near the hospital.



It was a horrible, **ugly** picture.
There was a man in the picture,
but he did not look like you and
me. He did not look like a man.
He looked like an elephant.
I read the writing under the
picture. It said : Come in and see
the Elephant Man. Two pence.



*One day, Dr Treves saw a picture in a shop
near the hospital.*



I opened the door and went in.
There was a man in the shop.
He was a dirty man in an old
coat with a cigarette in his
mouth. 'what do you want?' he
asked. 'I'd like to see the
elephant man, please.' I said.
The man looked at me angrily.
'Well, you can't,' he said. 'The
shop's closing now. You can come
back tomorrow.'





I'm sorry,' I said. 'But I would like to see him now. I have no time tomorrow - I have a lot of work to do. But I can give you more than **two pence**.'

The man looked at me carefully. Then he took the cigarette out of his mouth and smiled with his yellow teeth.





'All right, sir,' he said. 'Give me twelve pence then,' I gave him the money and he opened a door at the back of the shop. We went into a little room. The room was cold and dark, and there was a horrible smell in it.



While Reading



- 1- What did Dr.Treves see in the window of the shop ?
- 2- How did Dr.Treves feel after looking at the picture?
- 3- Who did Dr.Treves give twelve pence to?
- 4- How was the room that Dr.Treves went in?

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While Reading



Match the halves:

- interested
- beautiful
- clean
- bright
- creature

- human
- dark
- afraid
- ugly
- dirty

03:00





A creature sat on a chair behind a table.

I say a creature, because it was not a man or woman, like you and me. The creature did not move or look at us. It sat very quietly on the chair in the cold, dark, dirty room, and looked at the table. The creature had a cloth over its head, because of the cold. On the table in front of it, there was a dead flower.



It sat very quietly on the chair in the cold, dark, dirty room.

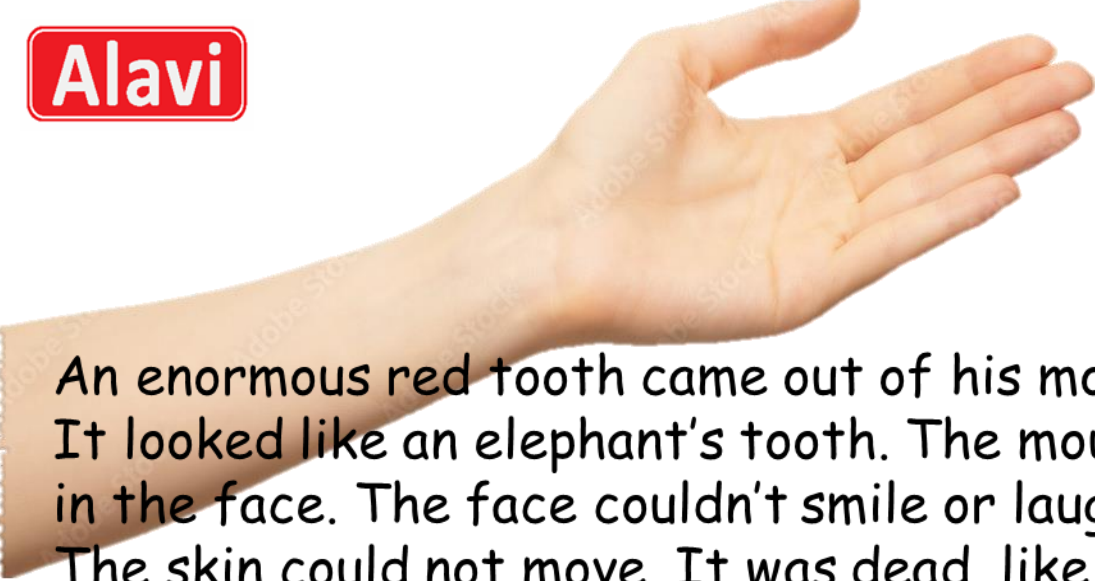


'Stand up!' said the shopkeeper, loudly. The creature **stood up** slowly. It took the old cloth off its head, and put it on the chair. I looked at the creature and felt sad. I am a doctor, so I know a lot about accidents and ill people. I see horrible, ugly things every day. But this creature, this thing, was the worst of all. There were no men or women in the hospital like him.

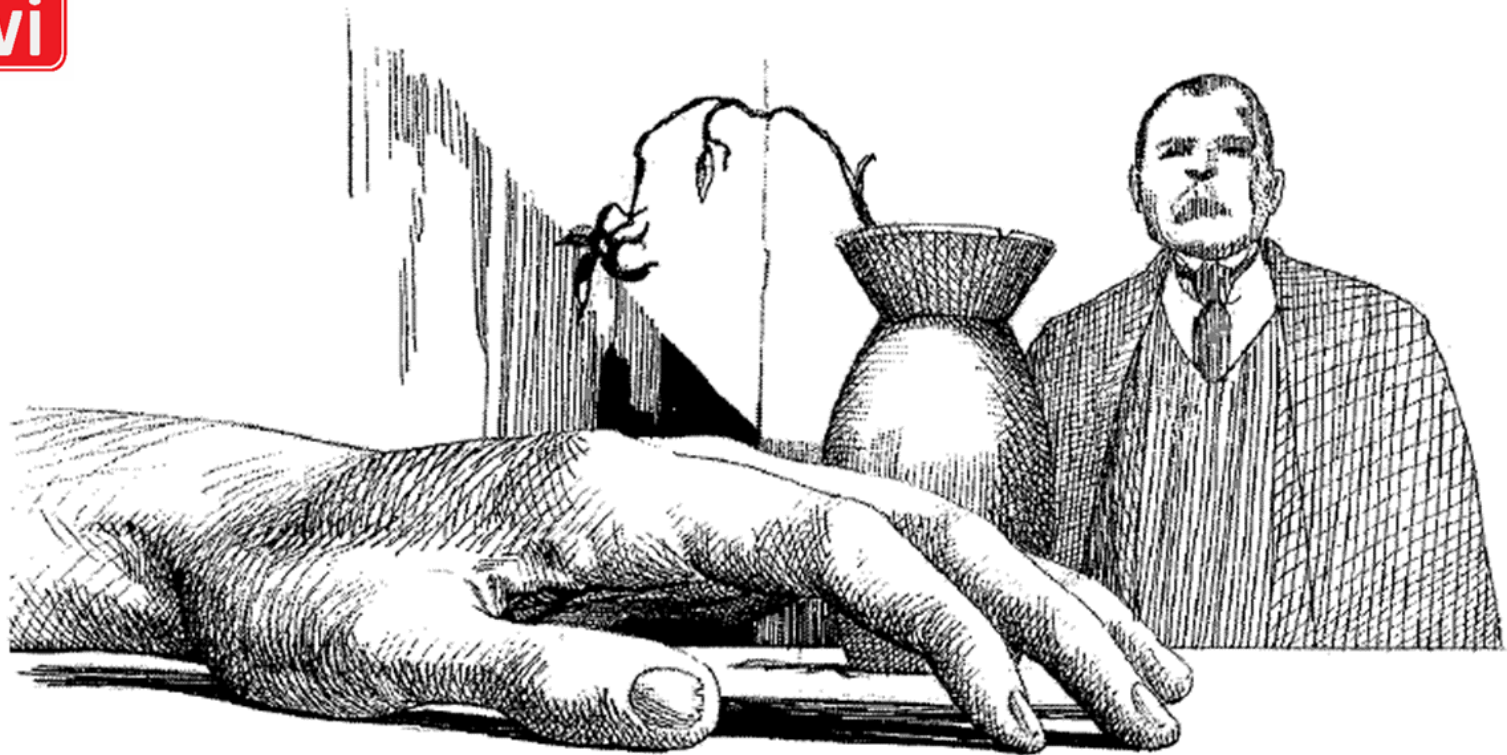


He wore some **old trousers**, but no shirt, coat, or shoes, so I could see his body very well. His head was the most interesting thing. It was very, very big-like an enormous bag with a lot of books in it. The head did not have much hair, and there was another bag of brown, dirty skin at the back of it. This skin came down below his neck. I could not see one of his eyes very well, because a lot of skin came down in front of his face, too.





An enormous red tooth came out of his mouth, under his nose. It looked like an elephant's tooth. The mouth and nose were like holes in the face. The face couldn't smile or laugh or look angry or sad, because the skin could not move. It was dead, like an elephant's face. There were two more bags of dirty skin on the front and back of the creature's body these bags came down to his legs. The right arm was enormous, and there were bags of skin on it, too. The right hand was like a man's foot. But the left hand- left arm and the left hand were beautiful! The left arm had wonderful skin, and the fingers of the left hand were long and beautiful. It was like a young woman's hand!



*The left hand was like a woman's hand; the fingers
were long and beautiful.*

After Reading



What is going to happen in the story?

- 1- The doctor helps the elephant man.
- 2- The elephant man kills somebody.
- 3- The elephant man lives to be a very old man.



Here is a conversation between **Dr. Treves** and the **shopkeeper**. Put them in the order then practice the conversation.

? : What do you want?

? : I'm sorry.

? : I'd like to see the elephant man, please.

? : But I would like to see him now. I have no time tomorrow - I have a lot of work to do. But I can give you more than two pence.

? : Well, you can't.

? : All right, sir.

? : Give me twelve pence then.

? : The shop's closing now. You can come back tomorrow.

