

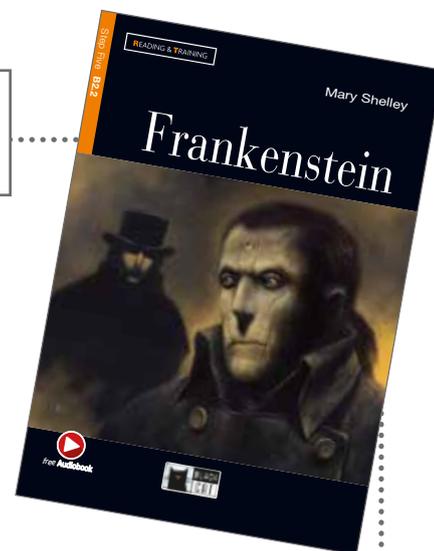
LISTENING ACTIVITY

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FRANKENSTEIN

1  Listen to the audio and complete the text.
Choose the word/s from the basket below.

- anxiety • might • marks • Suddenly • chain • thunder
- storm • disappeared • approached • revenge
- Horrified • awful • torches



The letter was from my father.

*My dear Victor, how can I tell you what has happened? We were all so happy, waiting for you to come home. I want to prepare you for the **1** news, but it is impossible.*

William is dead! Your sweet little brother has been murdered! Last Thursday, Elizabeth, William and I went for a walk in Plainpalais. William ran off to play. When it came time to go home, we called his name, but he did not answer. We searched until it was dark, but we could not find him. Then Elizabeth said he

***2** have gone home. We returned to the house, but he was not there. We went back to Plainpalais with **3** and servants to help in the search. About five o'clock in the morning, I found him, dead.*

*The **4** of the murderer's fingers were on his neck.*

*When Elizabeth saw the body, she cried, 'Oh, God! I have murdered my lovely boy!' She told me that she had given William a locket¹ on a **5** with a picture of your mother inside it. The locket is gone. Perhaps the murderer killed William for the locket.*

*Come home, dear Victor,! We need you. Do not think of **6** Just come home to those who love you.*

*Your father,
Alphonse Frankenstein*

Geneva, 12 May 17—

***7** by this news, I said goodbye to Clerval and left for Geneva immediately. At first I wished to get home as soon as possible, to comfort my poor family, but when I got close to Geneva I began to feel afraid. I stopped two days at Lausanne, in a state of nervous **8** Then the lake and the mountains calmed me, and I continued my journey.*

*The sight of Mont Blanc brought tears to my eyes. As I **9** my home town I became afraid again. It was dark when I arrived, and the city gates were already closed for the night. I decided to visit the place where William had died and spend the night in a nearby village. When I got to Plainpalais, there was a **10** I watched the lightning over Mont Blanc.*

***11** , in a flash of lightning, I saw a gigantic figure nearby. It was the monster! Was he the murderer of my little brother? I began to tremble². In another flash of lightning I saw him climbing Mont Salève with amazing speed. He soon reached the top and **12***

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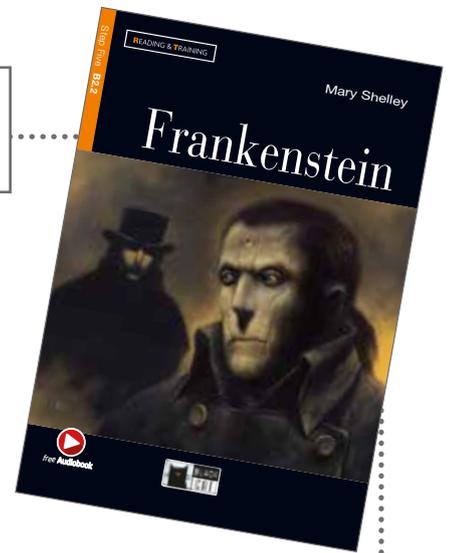
1 **locket** : a piece of jewellery usually containing a picture, which a woman wears around her neck.

2 **tremble** : shake because of fear



LISTENING ACTIVITY

2/3



2 Match the following phrases to make a correct sentence.

1. Victor Frankenstein's little brother William
 2. Elizabeth had given little William
 3. Victor Frankenstein was horrified by the news
 4. Victor Frankenstein stopped for two days
 5. When Victor Frankenstein got to Plainpalais
 6. In a flash of lightning
 7. The monster was
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- a. and left Clerval to go home immediately.
 - b. there was a thunder storm.
 - c. climbing Mt Salève with great speed and disappeared.
 - d. a locket on a chain.
 - e. Victor Frankenstein saw the monster.
 - f. was murdered at Plainpalais.
 - g. in Lausanne because he was anxious.

