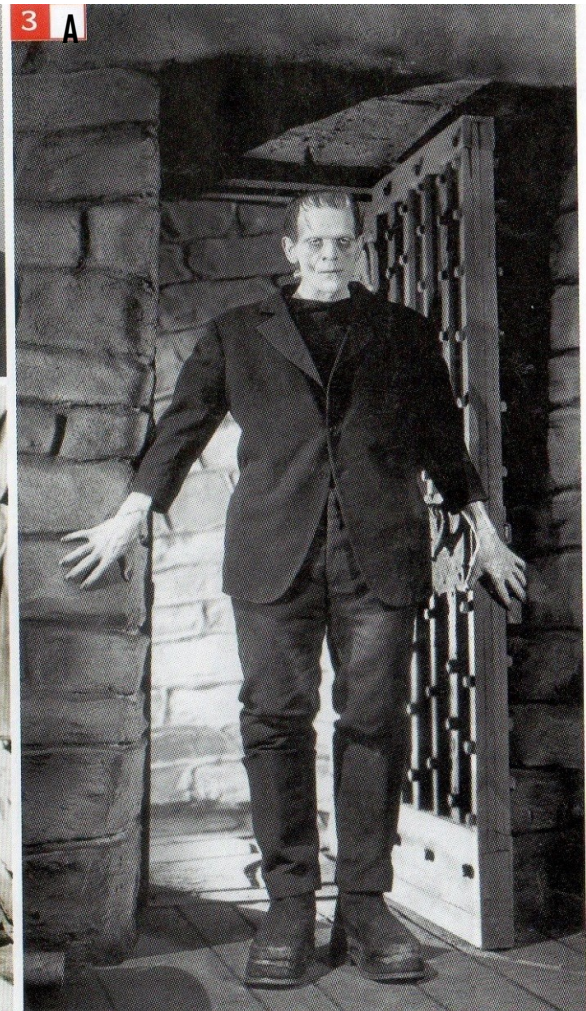


④ Speaking: good and ugly

Match the famous “monsters” with their pictures. One of them really existed. Which one?

- A. **The Monster of Dr. Frankenstein.** He was created by a scientist from pieces of dead bodies. At first, he was good and only wanted to love and help others. However, his horrible appearance frightened people and they treated him badly. In the end, he became bad.
- B. **The Elephant Man.** When he was born, he was normal. But after he became ill at five, his body began to change into a horrible shape. He became an attraction in travelling shows. Sometimes he was treated very badly. Fortunately, a doctor began to take care of him. Later in life he became a celebrity. He was even friends with Queen Victoria.
- C. **Quasimodo.** He was born deformed and ugly. He was abandoned on the steps of a great church. People always made fun of him. He later fell in love with a beautiful young woman. She loved another who was obviously, very handsome. But Quasimodo helped her anyways.



Frankenstein really existed. Not the darned-faced monster, but its creator, Dr. Victor Frankenstein. His real name was Johann Konrad Dippel and he went down in history because in 1733 he published a pamphlet where he claimed to have invented an elixir of life, which allowed him to live up to 135 years.

Joseph Merrick, in full Joseph Carey Merrick, also called the Elephant Man, (born August 5, 1862, Leicester, Leicestershire, England—died April 11, 1890, London), disfigured man who, after a brief career as a professional “freak,” became a patient of London Hospital from 1886 until his death. Merrick was apparently normal until about the age of five, when he began showing signs of a strange disorder that caused abnormal growths of much of his skin and bone. The size of his head increased to 3 feet (almost 1 metre) in circumference, with spongy skin hanging from the back of his head and across his face; deformation of the jaws rendered him incapable of showing facial expression or speaking clearly.

Quasimodo don't exist, only in the novel.

Erik, just like the three “monsters” above suffered because of his horrible appearance. What about you? How important is a person's physical appearance? Talk about this with your partner, and then present your ideas to the class. Use these questions to help you.

1. Do you want your boyfriend or girlfriend to be attractive?

Yes and no, because I think that what more than one person says is the interior, but if the person is a little beautiful, the better, but always the essential is invisible to the eyes.

2. How important are the clothes a person wears?

I really don't care about the clothes but that I know how to combine and not with very old or broken clothes at least.

3. Do you want your friends to be attractive?

No, as long as they make me laugh and have fun, I care more about the inside of a person than the outside, each one is how it is.

4. How do you react to a person who has a serious physical disability?

At first I'm a bit intact but after 5 seconds it looks like another person and I don't care

5. How do you think most people in your school react?

Like me, but maybe someone laugh at him.