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**Language point: Present perfect & for / since**

## TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC

### Viktor Frankenstein

Hello, I'm scientist Viktor Frankenstein. I've just been rescued here in the Arctic Circle. I feel weak but I have to continue my story and warn all of you about the dangers of science. At university in Germany all I wanted to do was to try and create life. I studied anatomy in my laboratory and spent days and nights in morgues and cemeteries collecting body parts...

## IN THE PAST - IN THE CEMETERY

### Guard

Hi there! I'm the night guard 'ere. This is my cemetery. Who are you?

### Viktor Frankenstein

Who, me?

### Guard

Yeah... If I ask the others 'round 'ere they aren't going to answer, are they? They're in their coffins, being eaten up by the little worms. **They've been worm supper for a long time!**

### Viktor Frankenstein

The worms. Eyes, brain, so wonderful, so perfect, being eaten by worms...

### Guard

Well, they're doing their business down there alright, but what business do you have 'ere? And what's in this big bag you're carrying?

### Viktor Frankenstein

Oh... nothing... these are my things... my scientific... I'm leaving now...

**Guard**

And don't come back 'ere! What does he want with dead people? The dead are dead and that's the end of it, I say.

**TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC****Viktor Frankenstein**

Stupid man! Or was I the stupid one, the selfish one? I collected bones and flesh. I used bigger pieces because they were easier to work on and made me go faster. The creature was about 2.4 metres tall. It was ready on that rainy night in November...

**IN THE PAST - AT DR VIKTOR FRANKENSTEIN'S LABORATORY****Viktor Frankenstein**

It's all here now. Finally! Finally! **I've waited for this moment for a long time.** Actually, **I've worked on this since I came to Germany two years ago.** Oh... let me check these wires... they go to the roof... I'll use electricity. Yes, that Italian scientist, Galvani... that article I read... he made a dead frog jump using the power of electricity, but I, Viktor Frankenstein, will make a man rise from the dead!

**A CLAP OF THUNDER****Creature**

(roaring)

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Oh... the arms are moving... the legs... the eyes are open... oh these yellow eyes... they are...

**Creature**

(roaring)

**Viktor Frankenstein**

... they are... they are horrible! The skin is very pale... you can see through it. His hair is dark and his teeth are white, but his eyes are yellow and these black lips! What a horrible creature! I've created a monster!!

**Creature**

(roaring)

**Viktor Frankenstein**

No! No! Keep away from me, horrible creature!! I must escape!

**Creature**  
(roaring)

## **TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC**

**Viktor Frankenstein**

I ran! Oh how I ran! I spent the rest of the night walking in the rain. Then, in the morning, I heard a voice I recognised...

## **IN THE PAST - IN THE STREETS OF INGOLSTADT**

**Henry**

Hey Viktor! Viktor! **I haven't seen you for so long!** Don't you recognise me anymore? It's Henry!

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Henry? Oh, of course, my dear friend! I didn't expect to see you here!

**Henry**

Good Lord, you look terrible! So thin and pale! It's good I'm here now. Your family back in Geneva is very worried. **They haven't heard from you for a while.**

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Yes, I... I've been busy...

**Henry**

Never fear, Henry is here! I'm taking you home.

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Home?!

**Henry**

Yes, your home, here in Germany, where you study.

**Viktor Frankenstein**

But... the monster...

**Henry**

What?

**Viktor Frankenstein**

Oh, nothing.

## TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC

### Viktor Frankenstein

I didn't want to tell him about the Creature. But what if it was still there? Well, it wasn't after all. But I knew what I had done and I was worried. I felt ill. I had a fever. Henry took care of me. Things were going back to normal when a letter from my father brought terrible news. I had to go back to Geneva immediately. That's what I'm going to tell you next.

### Vocabulary

**morgues (singular: morgue)**

places where dead bodies are kept

**cemeteries (singular: cemetery)**

places where dead bodies are buried

**coffins (singular: coffin)**

wooden boxes in which dead bodies are placed when put underground in the cemetery

**worm**

small animal with a long body that lives in the ground

**flesh**

soft part of the body between the bone and the skin

**wires (singular: wire)**

thin metal lines that carry electricity from one place to another