# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Frankenstein 9: The wedding night

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#### Language point: too much / too many/ enough / not enough / very

# **TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC**

#### **Viktor Frankenstein**

Hello, I'm scientist Viktor Frankenstein. And I'm here in the Arctic, the end of the Earth, because I'm looking for the Creature which destroyed my happiness. The last time I was happy was... with Elizabeth. Our wedding day was coming...

## IN THE PAST - AT THE FRANKENSTEIN'S HOME IN GENEVA

#### Elizabeth

Let me check the guest list again... How many guests have we planned earlier, Mr Frankenstein?

#### Viktor Frankenstein's Father

There were 60, the last time I counted, dear Elizabeth.

#### Elizabeth

Is the house **big enough** for all our guests?

#### Viktor Frankenstein's Father

Yes, it is, my darling. Invite more people. Let's have a banquet and plenty of good wine!

#### Elizabeth

How much wine shall we order? Are two hundred bottles too many?

#### Viktor Frankenstein's Father

No. I'll pay for it all gladly. Nothing is **too expensive** for my dear son and his bride. Let's all drink and be merry! It will be a wedding nobody will ever forget! Are you happy, my dear?

#### Elizabeth

Oh, I'm **very** happy!

# **TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC**

## Viktor Frankenstein

It's **very** cold here! Well, Elizabeth and I got married on a warm day. There was a lot of catching up with friends. Elizabeth looked so pretty. But I was worried. I got used to walking around with a gun in my pocket. The threat by the Creature was **very** much alive in my mind...

# IN THE PAST

## Creature

I'll have my revenge. I'll be with you on your wedding night!

# **TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC**

#### Viktor Frankenstein

I didn't give the monster a bride so it said it would destroy my life. It killed my best friend Henry, my brother William and his nanny Justine was blamed for the boy's murder... and now it was coming after me. This was in my thoughts when we arrived for our honeymoon at the house we rented by the side of Lake Como in Italy. It was raining heavily...

# IN THE PAST - AT A HOUSE BY LAKE COMO, ITALY

## Elizabeth

It's a pity we have to close the windows. The view of the lake is fantastic!

## Viktor Frankenstein

Yes. But I'm sure the rain won't last. Why don't you go to the bedroom, my darling?

#### Elizabeth

Aren't you coming? What are you looking for, dear Viktor?

#### Viktor Frankenstein

I just want to make sure that everything is alright and we are safe. I'll go as soon as I do that, my sweet Elizabeth.

## Elizabeth

Are you expecting someone?

#### Viktor Frankenstein

No, darling wife. Go and I'll join you as soon as I can. I don't want anything to worry you.

# **TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC**

#### Viktor Frankenstein

I was indeed expecting something to happen: a battle to the death between me and the Creature. I didn't care if it was too strong for me. I had **enough** hate in my heart to defeat the monster. I just didn't want Elizabeth to see the fight. I left the house with my gun and decided to walk around to check if it was there. But all of a sudden, a scream...

# IN THE PAST - AT A HOUSE BY LAKE COMO, ITALY

**Elizabeth** Ahhhhhhh!

# Viktor Frankenstein

Elizabeth! Elizabeth!

# **INSIDE THE HOUSE**

#### Viktor Frankenstein

My dear Elizabeth! My beloved wife... is dead!!

# Creature

Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah!

## Viktor Frankenstein

You, horrible Creature! I'll kill you! I'll put a bullet in your head!

# SHOOTING

Viktor Frankenstein I hate you! I hate you with all my heart! My Elizabeth!

# TODAY - IN THE ARCTIC

## Viktor Frankenstein

William, Justine, Henry and now Elizabeth. There was nothing else for me and... for my father. As soon as he heard that my wife was killed on our wedding night, he fell ill and died heartbroken. And all because of me! I'd thought about telling Elizabeth that I had created a monster. But there wasn't **enough** time... After her death I tried to warn others and I was put in a hospital for a while. Nobody believed me... So I decided to put an end to the problem I had created and find the creature at once. The world **is not big enough** for both of us. I'm still looking for it. I might find it next time.

# Vocabulary

guest list names of people who are asked to come to a party

#### **banquet** large formal meal

**merry** happy and animated

**catching up** discussing what happened since the last time you met someone

#### honeymoon a holiday for the new husband and wife after the wedding