

MISTER CABLE'S SCARY HOLIDAY – preparation

PART ONE

Do you like scary things? Dracula....Frankenstein....Maria De Filippi? Good, because it's time to prepare for a visit from Mister Cable. His new show is called 'Mister Cable's scary holiday'. This is the plot:

In a cold, dark, isolated castle in the mountains of Transylvania, Doctor William Brackson – a mad English scientist – is hiding from Scotland Yard. With the help of his mute assistant, Igor, he is preparing to continue the work of the great Doctor Frankenstein: to create a living creature from the parts of dead bodies! To avoid suspicion, the castle is advertised as a hotel; of course, his work is not disturbed because nobody comes to stay at the hotel. Who wants to stay in a cold, dark, isolated hotel in Transylvania? One person: Mister Cable! Mister Cable organized his holiday this year on internet. He wanted to go to the Bahamas but of course got confused and booked the holiday in Transylvania! Another visitor arrives: Frau Ingrid. She is the wife of a local man that Doctor Brackson has killed to create his monster. She can't speak English but manages to communicate with Mister Cable. She wants revenge: she has come to kill Brackson and she wants Mister Cable to help her!

What will happen???.....

Will Doctor Brackson manage to create his monster?

Will Igor manage to protect his master?

Will Frau Ingrid manage to avenge her dead husband?

Will Mister Cable exterminate Transylvania's butterfly population?

Glossary: scary = spaventoso; plot = trama; mad = pazzo; to hide = nascondersi; To avoid suspicion = per non destare sospetto; To advertise = pubblicizzare; of course = ovviamente; To get confused = confondersi; To book = prenotare; To manage to = riuscire a; revenge = vendetta; To happen = succedere; To avenge = vendicarsi

PART TWO

Now for a game! It's time to test your knowledge of horror characters. Which is the correct answer?

1 – When the moon is full, he transforms into a vicious creature: He is:

A – An alien; B – A werewolf; C – The human fly

2 – He sleeps in his coffin during the day and loves to drink his victim's blood. He is:

A – A vampire; B – A Mummy; C – A ghost

3 – When a dead person leaves the grave and wants to eat human flesh, it is:

A – A zombie; B – A vampire; C – A vegetarian

Glossary: Full = pieno; Coffin = bara; Mummy = Mummia; grave = tomba; human flesh = carne umana.

Easy? Now here's another exercise: read the following story and then answer a very important question at the end..Ready? Go!

It was a cold, dark winter's night. Jim was bored and decided to chat with some friends on Facebook. He switched the computer on, and logged onto his Facebook account but when his homepage opened, he could see the face of a disgusting zombie looking at him. The zombie's mouth was full of worms and blood started flowing out of its eyes. "What are you doing on my Facebook page?!" shouted Jim. "I'm a Facebook zombie" answered the creature. "I used to be a normal kid but then I spent so much time on Facebook that I transformed into a zombie!" "What do you want?" asked Jim. "I want your SOUL!" cried the zombie. "I'm sorry, I haven't got any soul records, I prefer hip-hop. Please don't eat me!" said Jim desperately. "I won't eat you, I'm vegetarian and, in any case, this is just...a dream!" At that moment Jim woke up and vomited on his cat.

Glossary: To be bored = essere annoiato; To switch on = accendere; full = pieno; worms = vermi; To flow = scorrere; To shout = gridare; To spend time = trascorrere tempo; Soul = anima; records = dischi).

The question is: What was the cat's name?

PART THREE

Of course, Italy has produced many world-famous cultural icons such as Leonardo Da Vinci and Pavarotti. Perhaps the most important, however, is Calabrian footballer Gennaro Gattuso. Do you know the origins of Rome? In the true story a She-Wolf found and raised three abandoned babies, the triplets Romulus, Remus and Gattusulus. Who can forget the classic 2006 World Cup semi-final between Italy and Germany? Fabio Grosso and Alex Del Piero scored the winning goals but Gennaro Gattuso was essential to the victory, constantly biting the German players' ankles and howling to distract them. When asked by journalists the secret to his success as a footballer, Gattuso generously explained the three essential elements to an inspired performance: technical preparation, concentration and a full moon. Take a look at old photos of Gattuso on Google!

PART FOUR

One Final game and then it's time for you to think of some questions to ask Mister Cable in the interview at the end of the show.

Read the following passage and insert the missing words:

Kids love watching horror at the cinema . Some horror are called 'splatter', this means that there are a lot of revolting special Older people prefer the original horror such as Dracula and Frankenstein. Other people that watching horror films is not necessary because we already have Italian

Missing words: say – films (X 2) – television – effects – characters('personaggi')

PART FOUR: A SONG!

In the show Doctor William Brackson – the mad scientist – sings a song to the monster; here are the lyrics:

When I was a boy, I had a dream: to be the greatest scientist the world had ever seen

And now I'm a man, my dream has come true
I've created a monster, the monster is you!

I am strong, I am the best/ Listen to me, forget the rest
I am smart like Einstein/ I'm a Rock'n'roll Frankenstein!

Chorus: I am your maker, I'm your creator
You can speak, you can see – thanks to me!

I am number one/ I make monsters for fun
I am smart like Einstein/ I'm a Rock'n'roll Frankenstein!

One, two I made you/ Three, four I'll make more
Number five, it's alive/ Six, seven, eight, I'm great
Number nine, I feel fine, I'm a rock'n'roll Frankenstein!

Glossary: lyrics = testi di una canzone; To come true = avverarsi; smart = intelligente; chorus = ritornello; To feel = sentirsi

And to finish....

Here is a list of vocabulary you may find useful to learn before watching 'Mister Cable's scary holiday. I hope you enjoyed these games – what did you expect from Mister Cable, something normal?! See you on the day of the performance!

Useful vocabulary:

Experiment – work – fool – midnight – brain – heart – To give a hand – To switch on – To breathe – social assistant – master – scientist – dangerous – isolated – castle – hotel register – drugs – key – nobody – husband – To kill – revenge – alive – werewolf – shy – handsome – funny