



READING COMPREHENSION

1 Read the text and answer.

The Loch Ness Monster is supposedly living in Scotland's Loch (Lake) Ness. This frightening creature called "Nessie" has always been seen as a myth, if not a joke.

The myth began some 1,500 years ago when Nessie apparently attacked and killed a man who was swimming in the lake. However, the monster didn't become famous until August 27, 1930 when 3 fishermen reported seeing a disturbance in the water. The men watched as an enormous creature approached their boat throwing water in the air. As it passed near them, their boat rocked violently. The men were convinced that the creature had caused the movement in the water. After this event, the local newspaper received several letters from people also saying they had seen a strange animal in the lake.

In 1962, the Loch Ness Investigation Office was formed to provide information about the creature. At the beginning, this organization only conducted investigations during a few weeks in the year; but by 1964 it established a more permanent presence around the lake. Eventually, investigators started using telephoto cameras and underwater listening devices. Most searches were conducted using infrared night-time cameras, sonar scanners and submarines. A great deal of information was discovered about the lake, but the investigations have not yet produced any real evidence of the existence of a monster.

Most of the Nessie witnesses describe something with two humps, a tail, and a snake-like head. A v-shaped red mouth and horns on the top of the creature's head were often mentioned. Nessie's movements have been studied, and the films and photos analysed to determine what Nessie might be, if she exists.

There are numerous theories as to Nessie's identity. Many people say it is like a giant snake, others say the mysterious creature is a type of long-necked aquatic dinosaur. Some people think it's just a floating group of plants or simply a good excuse to favour tourism.

It is very clear that the creature has made Lake Ness a major tourist attraction. Many Nessie followers are making a lot of money by telling lies to tourists. Even clever people are easily confused if real explanations are not presented.

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1. When did the monster become well-known in Scotland?

2. What did the Loch Ness Investigation Office do to find information about Nessie?

3. The investigation has proved the creature exists. TRUE FALSE

4. How has Nessie's story affected life in Loch Ness?

5. The writer of the article believes the monster doesn't exist. TRUE FALSE