



# Spotlight 9

## Vocabulary Task 9327

### 1. Fill in:

*specimen   life-size   hair samples   countless   mobility   native.*

1. There have been \_\_\_\_\_ sightings of Bigfoot over the years.
2. Researchers found \_\_\_\_\_ of an unknown creature in a cave.
3. Using a needle, scientists took a blood \_\_\_\_\_ from the creature to study.
4. Some \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of Central America believe in a monster called 'El Chupacabra'.
5. The museum has got a \_\_\_\_\_ model of a dinosaur.
6. Scientists believe that Bigfoot moves like an ape with limited \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Choose the correct word.

1. The monster let out a terrible \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The forest felt eerie as the hunter \_\_\_\_\_ into the darkness.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ through the keyhole and thought she saw a ghost!
4. As the hunter approached the animal, the angry beast \_\_\_\_\_ at him.
5. Before starting the experiment, the scientist \_\_\_\_\_ at her watch.
6. Ben \_\_\_\_\_ through his telescope at the stars in the sky.

### 3. Complete the text with the words from the list.

*prehistoric   secretive   legendary   sightings   sceptics   mystification   evidence*

In Scotland there is a 1 \_\_\_\_\_ tale of a beast called the Loch Ness Monster that lives in the waters of Loch Ness. To the locals it is simply known as 'Nessie'.

The word 'loch' is Scottish for 'lake'. The loch is very deep and long, which makes it an ideal place for such a shy and 2 \_\_\_\_\_ creature to hide. There have been many recorded 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of the monster going back as far as the 6th century. The first photographic 4 \_\_\_\_\_ was captured in 1934 by Dr Kenneth Wilson, a physician from London.

The picture apparently shows a 5 \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur-like beast with a long neck emerging out of the murky waters. The photo created quite a fuss and is still the centre of controversy to this day. Some 6 \_\_\_\_\_ argue that the photograph is either a 7 \_\_\_\_\_ or an honest mistake. They believe that what people have seen are seals or otters that are sometimes found in the loch, or even objects such as tree trunks. Whatever lives in the loch, it brings many tourists each year hoping to see it!

