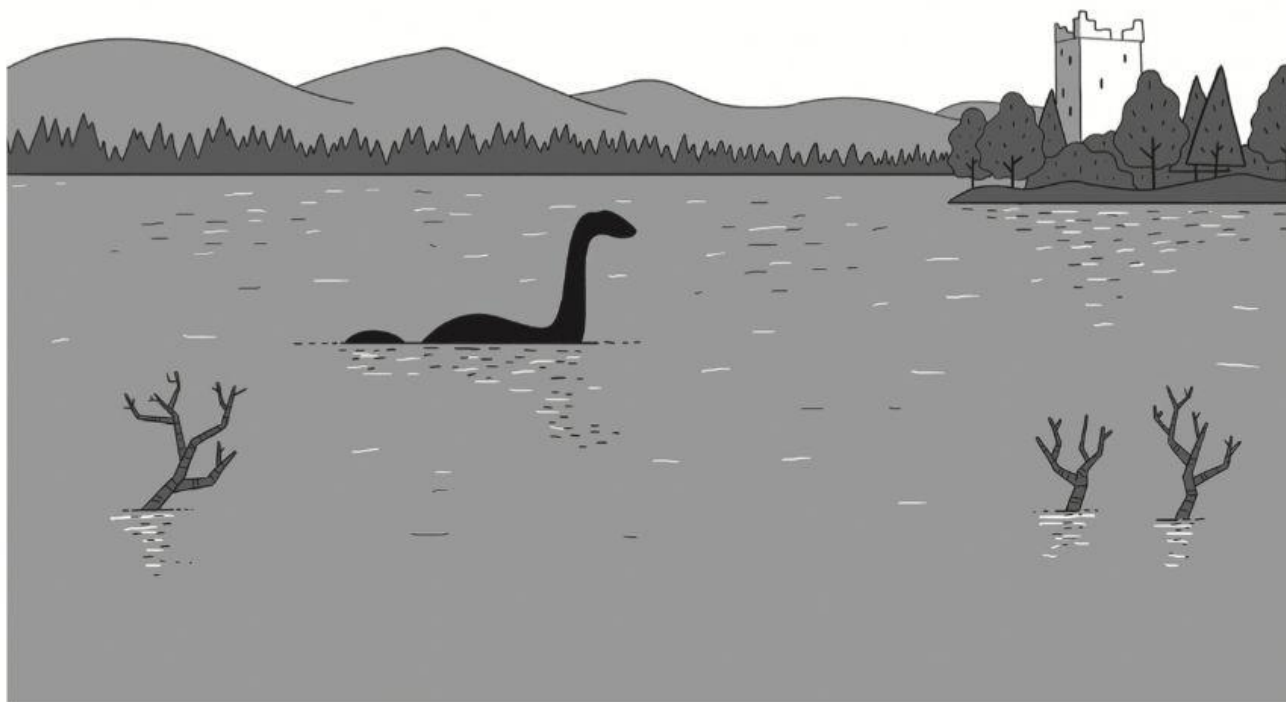


1 Complete the story with the past continuous or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



In August last year, I ¹ _____ (travelling) around Scotland with a friend of mine for a month. In Fort William we ² _____ (stay) with an old friend of ours from university and he ³ _____ (talk) to us about Loch Ness, which is a lake that is famous because some people believe a monster called Nessie lives in it.

We ⁴ _____ (decide) to go there the next day. While we ⁵ _____ (drive), we ⁶ _____ (see) a lot of beautiful trees and mountains. Finally, after an hour, we ⁷ _____ (travel) beside Loch Ness. It ⁸ _____ (look) like a big black mirror.

Soon we ⁹ _____ (stop) at the Loch Ness Visitor Centre. It ¹⁰ _____ (be) very busy, and lots of tourists ¹¹ _____ (take) pictures in front of the lake. We ¹² _____ (buy) some lunch and we ate it outside while we ¹³ _____ (wait) for an organised tour to start.

But then, while I ¹⁴ _____ (look) at the water, I ¹⁵ _____ (see) something moving. My friend ¹⁶ _____ (stand) opposite me, so the lake was behind her, and she didn't see it.

I quickly ¹⁷ _____ (run) to the water to see what it was, but when I ¹⁸ _____ (get) closer, it was gone.

Was it Nessie? I will never know for sure.