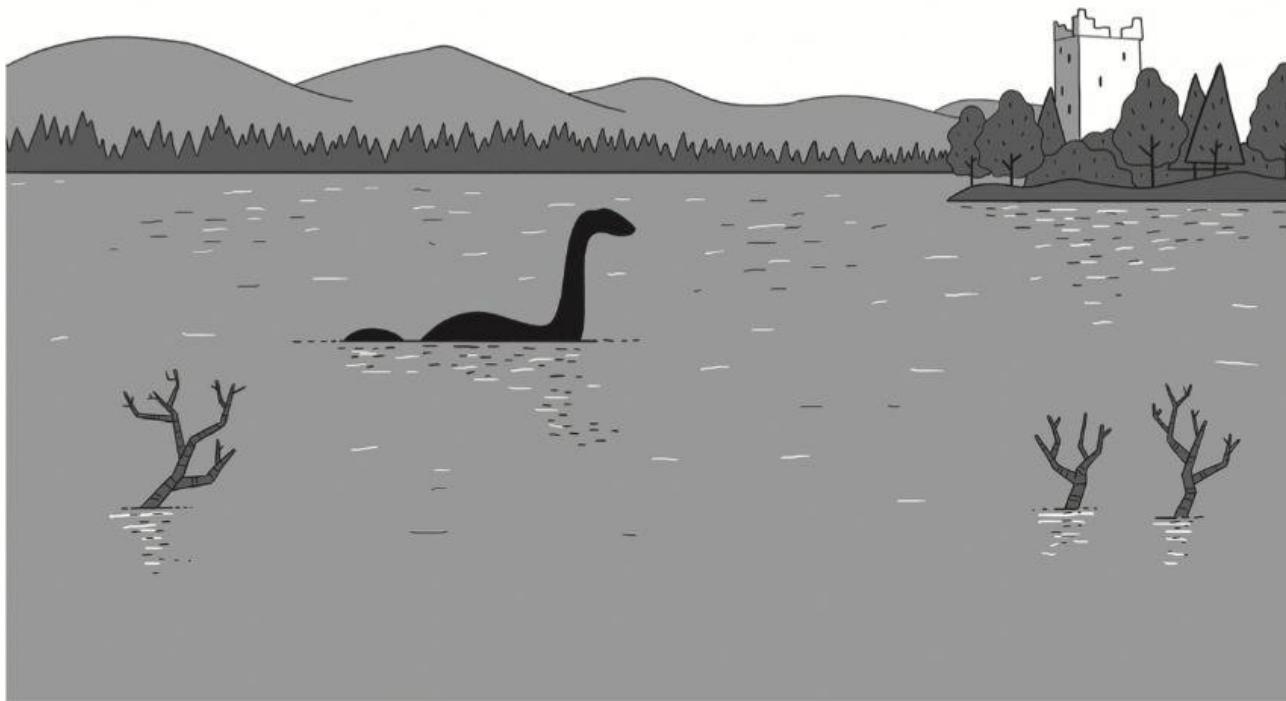


1 Complete the story with the past continuous or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.



In August last year, I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travelling) around Scotland with a friend of mine for a month. In Fort William we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with an old friend of ours from university and he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go there the next day. While we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (drive), we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a lot of beautiful trees and mountains. Finally, after an hour, we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) beside Loch Ness. It <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) like a big black mirror.

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

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

I quickly <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to the water to see what it was, but when I <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) closer, it was gone.

Was it Nessie? I will never know for sure.