

Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer

The Loch Ness Monster



Loch Ness is a deep lake in Scotland. The lake is so dark that it is very hard to see anything underwater. But more than four thousand people say that they have seen a monster in its waters.

Stories about the Loch Ness Monster go back hundreds of years. The ancient Scottish people who lived near the lake told tales about the creature. People describe the monster as being as big as a school bus, and having a wide body, fins, a long neck, and a tail. The monster has even been given the name Nessie.

Scientists have used machines to search the dark waters of Loch Ness. Not even the most expensive cameras, submarines, or other devices have found Nessie. The rocky bottom of the deep lake makes it easy for a clever monster to hide. Scientists have taken photographs in the lake. The pictures show something large, but are cloudy and unclear.

Some think Nessie could be a strange type of type of whale or seal that no one has ever seen before. Another theory is that Nessie is a relative of a prehistoric fish called the plesiosaur. Maybe Loch Ness has the right conditions for Nessie and her relatives to live and hide.

1. Why is it difficult to see under Loch Ness's waters?

2. Scientists have taken pictures of Nessie with expensive cameras. TRUE FALSE

3. There are several theories about what Nessie is. TRUE FALSE

4. Where can the monster easily hide?

5. How long have there been stories about Nessie?

2. Complete with ONE word from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

SEEN	CAREFUL	LIVING	ORIGINAL	ATTENTION	NEAR
STRANGERS	RIDICULOUS	WORLD	BECOME	KINDS	

Many people think that the idea of a monster _____ in a lake is ridiculous. But, someone living in a town _____ the lake wouldn't think so. Since the sixth century, the monster has been _____ by many different people. Many of them, were people who visited the lake from all parts of the _____. Many neighbours of the lake region have probably seen the monster, but they are _____ when talking to _____ about it. They don't want to appear _____, so they discuss it only with each other.

The world really started paying _____ to Nessie in 1933 when a new road was built and the lake became more visible to people.

There were many different _____ of stories about the monster and this led to a theory: there must be more than one monster in the lake. After all, the _____ Nessie would have to be 5000 years old. Scientists agree that no creature could live so long!



3. Complete with ONE word from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

SUCH	BOTH	MUST	COULD	THAT	MOST	WHO	MORE
			ONE	LIKE	IF		

One October a man called William Roe was out hunting in the great mountain forest of British Columbia with a friend. Suddenly _____ men saw a figure moving through the trees. They were so shocked _____ they couldn't move. The figure was huge and looked _____ a big monkey. It was covered from head to foot with long dark-brown hair. It had long powerful arms and _____ a short neck that it seemed it didn't have one. Roe took out his rifle and aimed it at the creature. Then it turned and looked at him and Roe knew he _____ never kill such a man-like creature. William Roe's story is just _____ of the chapters of one of the _____ fascinating mysteries in the world. For _____ than a century there have been hundreds of stories of people _____ say that they have seen these creatures or that they have found their giant footprints. Most people call them Bigfoot. _____ the Bigfoot exist, they are very shy and few people have seen them really closely.



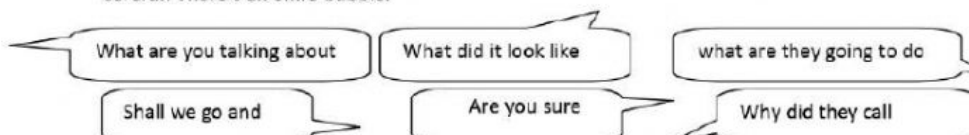
4. Choose the right verb.

He has been called "the missing link". Half-man, half-beast. He **WAS / IS** huge, maybe as much as eight feet tall. His body **WAS COVERED / IS COVERED** with long brown hair. He **HAD / HAS** a pointed head, and his face is hairless and looks like a man's face. He walks upright and he lives near the top of the highest mountain in the world - Mount Everest. He **KNOWS / IS KNOWN** as the Abominable Snowman. The legend of the Snowman **HAS BEEN / WAS** around for many years. Climbers in the 1920s **HAVE REPORTED / REPORTED** finding marks like those of human feet high up in the mountain. The native people said that they **KNEW / WERE KNOWING** of this creature and called it the "Yeti", and they claimed that they **HAD EVEN CAPTURED/ WERE EVEN CAPTURING** Yetis on two occasions, but none has ever been produced as evidence. Scientists say that if the Yeti existed, it **ATTACKED / WOULD ATTACK** the climbers! **DID YOU THINK / DO YOU THINK** it really exists?



5. Dialogue

Read the following conversation between two friends. Complete the blanks with the bubbles. Be careful! There's an extra bubble.



Sue: Hi, Jane! Have you heard about the monster in Mr Dillinger's abandoned house?

Jane: A monster? _____?

Sue: Yesterday Peter and Sam were walking past the empty house when they saw a very strange figure through one of the windows.

Jane: _____ it was a monster?

Sue: Of course it was!

Jane: _____?

Sue: It had an enormous head, long pointed ears, one big eye and it was covered in hair.

Jane: Well, _____ about it?

Sue: They have called the police. They are going to go into the house and check.

Jane: _____ see if there is something there?

Sue: Of course not! You know I'm afraid of monsters!

6. Composition - Choose ONE of the following:

• Life in 2030	• I Saw a Monster!!!!
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