

READING COMPREHENSION: Read this text carefully and answer the questions.

The Yeti: Myth or Reality?

The Yeti or Abominable Snowman is a monster who lives in the Himalayan regions of Nepal, India and Tibet. People have believed in the Yeti for thousands of years and it is part of the Himalayan history and mythology.

The first person who saw the Yeti was a German photographer in 1925, but many Nepalese people affirm having seen the Yeti as well. Mountaineers also say having seen large footprints in the snow. In 1970, British mountaineer Don Whillans announced to have seen a strange creature when climbing Annapurna. According to Whillans, he heard some strange screams. His Sherpa guide believed to be a Yeti's call. That night, he saw a dark shape moving near his camp. The next day, he observed some human-like footprints in the snow, and that evening, viewed with binoculars a creature that was searching for food not far from his camp. However, expeditions to find the Yeti have failed, perhaps because of the difficult weather conditions in the Himalayas, thus there is no scientific evidence about its existence.

The Nepalese describe the Yeti as a nocturnal creature, which kills animals, but which is not necessarily dangerous to humans. It is approximately 1.82 m tall, has human characteristics, and is covered with short brown hair and has white spots on his chest. He has a broad face, a large mouth and long teeth. His arms are very long and reach almost to his knees. It stands up when it attacks. When Tibetans are asked what animal looks like the Yeti, they choose the orangutan.

The idea of an ancient species surviving for millions of years hidden from humans is difficult to believe but fascinating as shown by other existing myths such as the Loch Ness monster or the Coelacanth fish. However, if the Yeti does exist and wants to remain unknown to us, the frozen landscape of the Himalayas is one of the safest places for him to be.



ANSWER THE TEST

1. Where does the Yeti live according to the text?

- a) The desert b) the mountains c) the sea

2. The mountaineer Don Whillans is...

- a) German. b) British. c) Nepalese.

3. Don Whillans...

- a) took a photograph of the Yeti
b) saw the footprints of his Sherpa guide in the snow.
c) found footprints in the snow and saw a strange creature.

4. Most of the characteristics of the Yeti are described in the...

- a) second paragraph.
b) third paragraph.
c) last paragraph.

5. How tall is the Yeti?

- a) under 1.80 meters b) exactly 1.80 meters c) over 1.80 meters

6. According to the text the Yeti is...

- a) a human being capable of surviving in frozen landscapes.
b) a tiny, cute pet which lives in cold places.
c) a big creature not always dangerous to humans.

7. The Abominable Snowman looks like...

- a) an orangutan. b) the Loch Ness monster. c) the Coleacanth fish.

8. The Yeti has NOT his chest covered with

- a) long white hair b) short brown hair c) white spots

9. The frozen landscape is ideal for the Yeti because...

- a) he can attack the mountaineer's camps very easily.
b) the weather conditions make it easy for him to hide himself.
c) if he gets lost he can get home by following his footprints in the snow.

10. The text...

- a) gives evidence of the existence of the Yeti.
b) proves the non-existence of the Yeti.
c) explains that the Yeti's existence cannot be confirmed.

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