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1. Read and answer

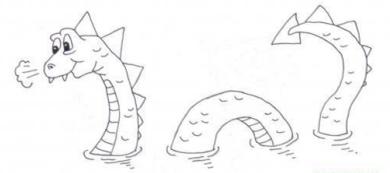
The Loch Ness Monster - behind the myth

The first written story of the monster is in a text written in the year 565 AD by a Celtic biographer: this writer describes how a monster attacked a man while he was swimming in the river Ness. Perhaps the legend already existed in those days: it has certainly existed for many centuries in Scottish folklore.

However, the story of the monster was not very well-known in England for many years. The myth became big news in 1930; three men, out in a boat on the lake, said that they saw a monster. In 1933, a man took the first "photo" of the monster, from a distance of about 100 metres. The photo was not clear, but Kodak said that the photo was real. In 1934, a London doctor took the most famous photo of all. It seems to show a long neck and a small head sticking up out of the water. "Nessie" - if the photo is real - looks something like a dinosaur.

Many people have taken photos of the monster since then, but none of them are clear. Obviously, if there is a monster, it is a shy one! It doesn't often come to the surface, and it never does so near the shore on a sunny afternoon in summer!

In 1987, some people used sonar equipment to try to discover Nessie.... but they found.... nothing. So no-one has proved that the Loch Ness monster exists; but no-one can prove that it does not exist. It's a great story.



1. In the first story about Nessie, what was the man doing when the monster attacked him?

2. What was the monster in the first photo like?

3. What did the people using sonars find?

4. Everybody in England knew about Nessie before 1930. TRUE FALSE

5. People have frequently seen Nessie on warm, sunny afternoons. TRUE FALSE

2. Read about Jonathan and complete the blanks with words from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

UNTIL	THAT	SINCE	WHEN	SO	MUSTN'T	USED
		IF	BUT	NEITHER	FOR	

My name is Jonathan and I _____ to live in a house near Loch Ness, in Scotland. Strange things happened there, especially on Halloween.

One evening, my brother Andrew was studying in his room _____ he saw someone in the garden. The figure disappeared when Andrew opened the window to call him.

Another day, I was having a bath and some writing appeared on the wall. It said: "You _____ get out now!" The writing was in blood! After _____, I went to my bedroom and I saw an enormous shadow on the wall. I started to shout, but the more I shouted, the bigger it got, so finally, I stopped screaming and started to pray silently _____ the shadow disappeared. I said to myself: "You must tell mum about this", _____ I liked the house, so I didn't. By the time mum came back home that day, _____ Andrew nor I remembered about the incident. But when mum saw the bathroom wall, her face went as white as chalk. She shouted: "This house is haunted!" She wanted to move right away, _____ we packed up our things and left.

I haven't gone back to Loch Ness _____ that time many years ago. I would like to visit my old home _____ I went back, but I don't think I will.



3. Go on reading and complete with ONE word from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

LOCAL	MOVED	TOGETHER	ANOTHER	FRIGHTENING
HOME	SCHOOL	JOB	STAY	BEST

A new family, the Allegris, has just _____ into the house. They come from _____ country, and they don't know any of the _____ stories about the house and its ghosts. They are really happy and they want to have a good life in their new _____ in Scotland. They have come to Scotland because Mr Allegri is going to work for the _____ newspaper. Mrs Allegri is a doctor and she would like to get a _____ at Loch Ness Hospital. But first she has to find a good _____ for their two children. The children haven't come to Scotland yet. They will _____ in Italy until the school year finishes there. Their _____ friends are all in Italy, so they are not very happy about moving to different country.

At the moment. Mr and Mrs Allegri are having dinner _____ in the kitchen. They can't see it, but there's a ghost standing behind them!



4. Choose the right verb.

A lot of people in Scotland say that the house near Loch Ness is haunted. Everyone who **HAS LIVED / WAS LIVING** there has an anecdote to tell.

A woman once said: "I **COOKED / WAS COOKING** in the kitchen when somebody **THROWS / THREW** a bottle at me. There was no one else in the house! I **HAVEN'T COOKED / DIDN'T COOK** again since that day."

A man said to the police: "I **USED TO HEAR / WAS HEARING** horrible screams at night when I lived in that house. I thought I was imagining things. I **HAVEN'T TOLD / AM NOT TELLING** this to my family, yet. They **WILL THINK / ARE THINKING** I'm crazy. But I'm not crazy, **WAS I? / AM I?"**

Every time a new family moves into the house they **WENT / GO** to the police and tell them stories like these ones. **DID YOU THINK / DO YOU THINK** they are really true?

5. Dialogue

Mark and Jenny read the stories about the house in the newspaper. Complete the conversation with the bubbles. Be careful! There's an extra bubble.

Where did you read them

Have you ever seen a ghost

Would you like to have one

Do you believe in ghosts

Did you believe in ghosts

What would you do

Mark: These are really scary stories, don't you think, Jenny? _____
_____?

Jenny: No, I haven't, but if I see one I will ask him lots of questions. _____
_____?

Mark: To be honest, I think I would shout very loudly! _____
_____?

Jenny: Yes, I do. Many people have seen them. They can't all lie! I have read many stories about good ghosts who helped people, too.

Mark: Really? _____?

Jenny: I read them at school last year, and then my mum bought me some books, too.
_____?

Mark: No, thank you. As a matter of fact, I don't like even to talk about them!

6. Composition - Choose ONE of the following:
♣ A strange creature OR ♣ An adventure story