

Nessie – the Loch Ness Monster British tales

Have you heard of Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster? Loch Ness is a very large, deep lake in Scotland. Many people think a monster lives in it.

The first report of Nessie was back in the sixth century. A man called St Columba reported seeing a monster in the water, but he told the monster to go back, and he was safe.

‘Go back!’

‘OK, if you insist.’

Then, in 1933, Nessie was seen again by George Spicer and his wife – she crossed the road in front of their car.

‘What a beautiful day for a picnic.’

‘Arghhh!’

The next year, a photo was taken of Nessie, which became very famous. It was taken by a doctor –but the photo turned out to be fake.

Since then, there have been several more sightings of Nessie. Some people have tried to take photos and videos, but Nessie is very shy and the pictures are not very clear.

‘The paparazzi are everywhere!’

People have also tried exploring the lake, but it is very deep and very dark. Some people watched the lake, while other people used equipment like underwater cameras, microphones and sonar to scan the lake carefully.

People have even explored the lake in submersibles. No one has found anything definite.

There are lots of possible explanations for what people have seen in Loch Ness. Maybe the monster is just a giant eel, a large bird, a tree or a seal. A few people even think it could be a plesiosaur, which is a type of dinosaur.

‘Or maybe I’m just unique!’

So, what do you think? Do you believe that Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster, really exists?

Listen to this story

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/nessie-the-loch-nessmonster>

Questions:

1. Where is Loch Ness located?

2. When was the first report of the monster?

3. Who was the person that made the first report?

4. What happened when the people heard about the monster?

5. What are some of the explanation that people give for the monster?

6. What kind of dinosaur did the people believed was on Loch Ness?

7. Do you believe that Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster, really exists?

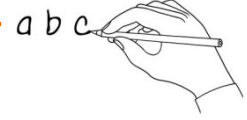
8. What other monsters do you believe exists in the world?

9. What do you think will happen if the monster is real?

10. Would you like to meet a monster someday?



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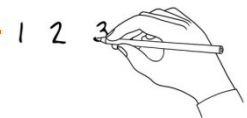


1. What's the word?

Write the word under the pictures.

lake	Scotland	cross the road	car	photo	doctor
camera	submersible	bird	tree	seal	dinosaur

	lake				



2. What's the order?

Listen to the story and put the sentences in order.

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Many people think a monster called Nessie lives in it.

In 1933, Nessie was seen again when she crossed the road in front of a car.

Loch Ness is a very large, deep lake in Scotland.

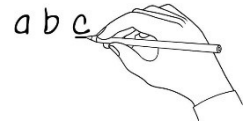
People have explored the lake, but no one has found anything definite.

Since then, more people have taken photos and videos, but they are not very clear.

The first report of Nessie was in the sixth century when a man saw a monster in the water.

Possible explanations are that Nessie is a giant eel, a large bird, a tree, a seal or a dinosaur.

The next year, a famous photo was taken of Nessie, but it was fake.



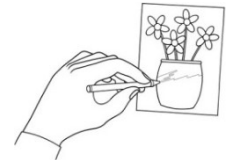
3. Make it right!

Find the mistake, underline it and write the correct word.

- a. Some people think that a dragon lives in a lake called Loch Ness. monster
- b. When he saw it, St Columba told the monster to come out. _____
- c. In 1933, Nessie crossed the road in front of someone's bicycle. _____
- d. A video of Nessie was taken by a doctor, but it was fake. _____
- e. Exploring the lake is easy because it is very deep and very dark. _____
- f. People have explored the lake with cameras, telephones and sonar. _____
- g. Nessie could be just a giant eel, a large bird, a tree or a bear. _____
- h. One explanation is that Nessie is a plesiosaur, a type of bird. _____

4. Write and draw!

Is there a famous mythical creature that lives in your country? Do you know any other strange creatures? Write about it and draw a picture!



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