## Reading comprehension

## Nessie



Read the text:

The Loch Ness Monster, also known as "Nessie," is a legendary creature said to live in Loch Ness, a large freshwater lake in Scotland. Loch Ness is famous worldwide because of stories and sightings of this mysterious creature.

Nessie is described as a large aquatic animal, similar to a prehistoric dinosaur, with a long neck and humps on its back. Many people claim to have seen it over the years, although there is no scientific evidence to prove its existence.

The first recorded sighting of the Loch Ness Monster dates back to the 6th century, in a story about a monster attacking a swimmer. Since then, there have been numerous alleged sightings, photographs, and even videos, which have kept the legend alive.

Scientists and experts have conducted extensive research to uncover the truth behind the Loch Ness Monster. They have used sonar imaging and underwater cameras to search for evidence but have found

nothing conclusive so far. Many theories suggest that the sightings might be explained by misidentifications, log sightings, or even hoaxes.

Despite the lack of proof, the Loch Ness Monster continues to be a subject of fascination and attracts tourists from all around the world. The area around Loch Ness offers various attractions, such as boat tours and museums dedicated to the legendary creature.

In conclusion, the Loch Ness Monster remains an intriguing mystery. While some believe in its existence based on alleged sightings, the scientific community remains skeptical. Whether real or not, the legend of Nessie continues to capture the imagination of people worldwide.

#### 1. Choose a suitable title:

- 1. Is it possible to prove the existence of the Loch Ness Monster?
- 2. The Mystery of the Loch Ness Monster
- 3. How Does the Legend of Nessie attracts tourists?

### 2. Choose the correct answer:

### 1. What is the Loch Ness Monster?

- A. A legendary creature in Scotland
- B. A famous dinosaur species
- C. A fictional character from a book
- D. A type of lake in Scotland

## 2. How is the Loch Ness Monster described?

- A. With a small body and a short tail
- B. With wings and sharp claws
- C. With bright colors and large fins
- D. With a long neck and humps on its back

## 3. What is the first recorded sighting of the Loch Ness Monster?

- A. In the 16th century, in a story about a monster attacking a swimmer
- B. In the 20th century, in a photograph taken by a tourist
- C. In the 6th century, in a story about a monster attacking a swimmer
- D. In the 19th century, in a newspaper article

# 4. What have scientists and experts used to search for evidence of the Loch Ness Monster?

- A. Telescopes and binoculars
- B. Sonar imaging and underwater cameras
- C. Metal detectors and ground-penetrating radar
- D. Microscopes and laboratory tests

# 5. What do many theories suggest about the sightings of the Loch Ness Monster?

- A. They are caused by the Loch Ness Monster's ability to disappear at will
- B. They are all true and accurate
- C. They are a result of an ancient curse on the lake
- D. They might be explained by misidentifications, log sightings, or hoaxes

#### 6. What attracts tourists to the area around Loch Ness?

- A. Boat tours and museums dedicated to the Loch Ness Monster
- B. The beautiful scenery and hiking trails
- C. The delicious local cuisine and restaurants
- D. The chance to see other legendary creatures in the lake

3. Answer the questions:
1. What is the Loch Ness Monster also known as?
2. How is Nessie described?
3. When was the first recorded sighting of the Loch Ness Monster?
4. What methods have scientists and experts used to search for evidence of the Loch Ness Monster?
5. Have scientists found any conclusive evidence of the Loch Ness Monster's existence?
6. What are some theories that explain the sightings of the Loch Ness Monster?
7. Why does the Loch Ness Monster continue to attract tourists?