# Lesson 81: Monster Fish?

Monster Fish?

What was the monster called?

Fishermen and sailors sometimes claim to have seen monsters in the sea.

Though people have often laughed at stories told by seamen, it is now known that many of these ‘monsters,’ which have at times been sighted, are simply strange fish.

Occasionally, unusual creatures are washed ashore, but they are rarely caught at sea.

Some time ago, however, a peculiar fish was caught near Madagascar.

A small fishing boat was carried miles out to sea by the powerful fish as it pulled on the line.

Realizing that this was no ordinary fish, the fisherman made every effort not to damage it in any way.

When it was eventually brought to shore, it was found to be over thirteen feet long.

It had a head like a horse, big blue eyes, shining silver skin, and a bright red tail.

The fish, which has since been sent to a museum where it is being examined by a scientist, is called an oarfish.

Such creatures have rarely been seen alive by man, as they live at a depth of six hundred feet.

Rarely seen alive by man, a strange fish was caught near Madagascar after pulling a small fishing boat miles out to sea.

Making every effort not to damage the fish, the fisherman brought it to shore.

The fish, which was over thirteen feet long with a head like a horse, was sent to a museum.

It is being examined by a scientist, who said that it was an oarfish and that such creatures live at a depth of six hundred feet.

A man in a bar once told the others how he caught a big fish in rough seas.

Some time ago, he set out on his fishing boat.

It was an adventurous voyage.

As it was windy, he sailed with great difficulty.

Suddenly, he saw an unusual creature in front of him.

It was the biggest fish he had ever seen at sea.

Realizing that this was no ordinary fish, he made every effort to pull it back to shore, meanwhile not damaging it in any way.

But instead of pulling it back, he and his boat were carried miles out to sea.

After struggling with the fish for several hours, he eventually pulled it up to his boat.

It was over twelve feet long, with a head like a horse, big protruding eyes, shining silver and black skin, and a yellow tail.

But just as he tried to tie it up, it suddenly jumped up, slipped out of his boat, and got away at last.

Everybody laughed when the circus clown made his appearance.

Though people have often laughed at stories told by seamen, I must wash my hands.

They are very dirty.

Have you ever seen a cat washing itself?

Unusual creatures wash ashore.

The man was washed overboard by a big wave.

Please wash up tonight.

What a lot of dirty plates!

Who is going to wash up?

Don't wear that hat.

People will laugh at you.

The bridge was washed away by the river.

We all laughed when he told us a funny story.

The boy was told to wash his hands before sitting at the table.

The monsters that fishermen sometimes claim to have seen are probably unusual fish.

The creature that was caught in Madagascar by a fisherman was an unusual fish.

They claim that they have seen monsters in the sea.

People often laugh at stories that have been told by seamen.

When he realized that this was no ordinary fish, he tried not to damage it.

When it was eventually brought to the shore, it was found to be very long.

It had a head like a horse.

Its head was like that of a horse.

Fishermen claim to have seen monsters.

They state that they do.

People have often laughed at these stories.

They haven't taken them seriously.

'Monsters' have at times been sighted.

They have been seen.

The fish was powerful.

It was strong.

Such creatures have rarely been seen.

They have seldom been seen.

The fish, which has since been sent to a museum where it is being examined by a scientist, is called an oarfish.