



4 She isn't thinking and she dropped her bag.

I was at the sports centre.
I was swimming with my mum.

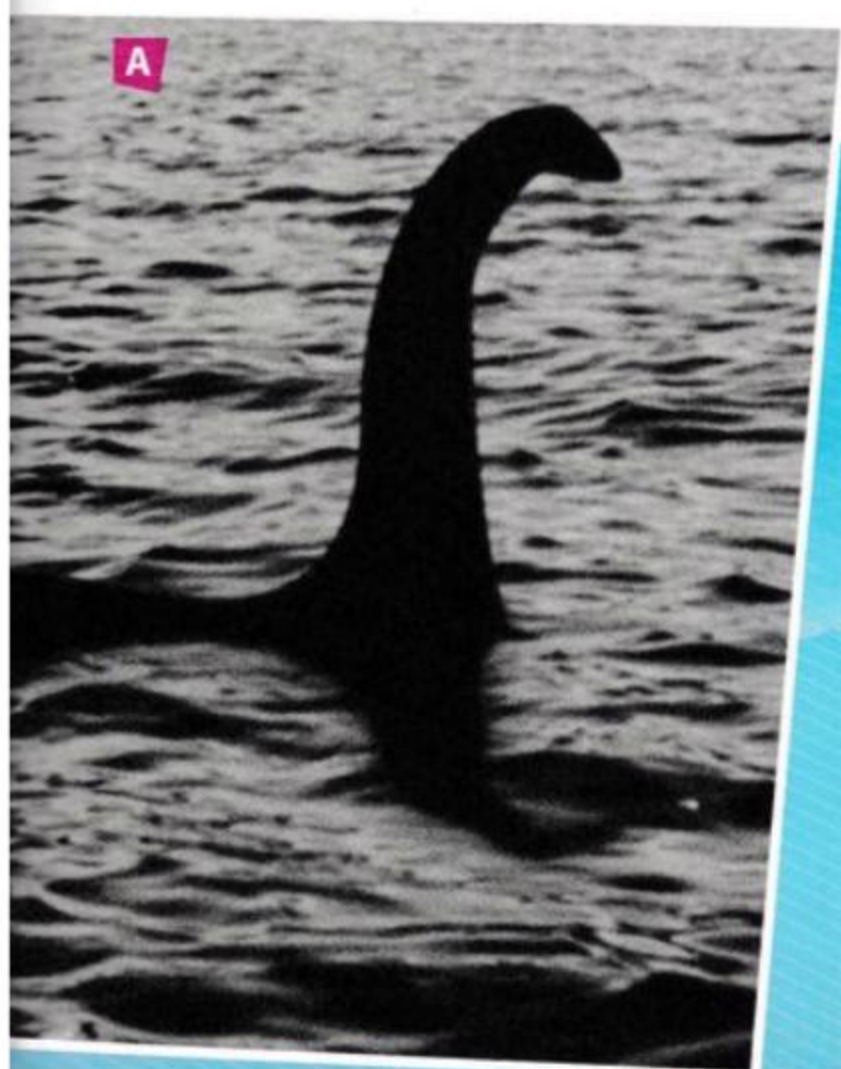
MYSTERIES IN NATURE 91

READING

- 1 Look at the photos. What do you know about Loch Ness and the Loch Ness Monster?
- 2 Read the article quickly and match the pictures A-C to the paragraphs 1-3.

- 3 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 When do people think they see things on the loch?
- 2 What does 'loch' mean?
- 3 How big is Loch Ness?
- 4 Which has more water: the lakes of Wales and England or Loch Ness?
- 5 When did people first see a monster?



LOCH NESS

1

Loch is the Scottish Gaelic word for 'lake'. Loch Ness is in the north of Scotland not far from Inverness. The loch is 230 m deep – it's the second deepest loch in Scotland – 36 km long and nearly 3 km wide. There's more water in Loch Ness than all the water in all the lakes in England and Wales. That's a lot of water for something to hide in!

2

The weather around the loch changes quickly. One minute it's sunny, the next it's cloudy, the next there's a bit of rain, and then it's sunny again. It can be a windy place, too. Clouds move quickly through the sky and on sunny days the clouds make shadows on the water. It's easy to think you see something in the water. When it's foggy, the fog sits on the loch and it's possible to think you see things then too.

3

The story of the Loch Ness Monster, or 'Nessie', started about 1,500 years ago. Then people called it a giant water animal. In the 1930s, a new road beside the loch brought more people to the area and more people started to see more strange things. In fact, over 1,000 people think they saw a strange animal in the loch.

There are several photos of some of the strange animals. Could any of them be Nessie?



TALKING POINTS

Do you think there is a monster living in Loch Ness?
If not, why do so many people think they see something?



VOCABULARY

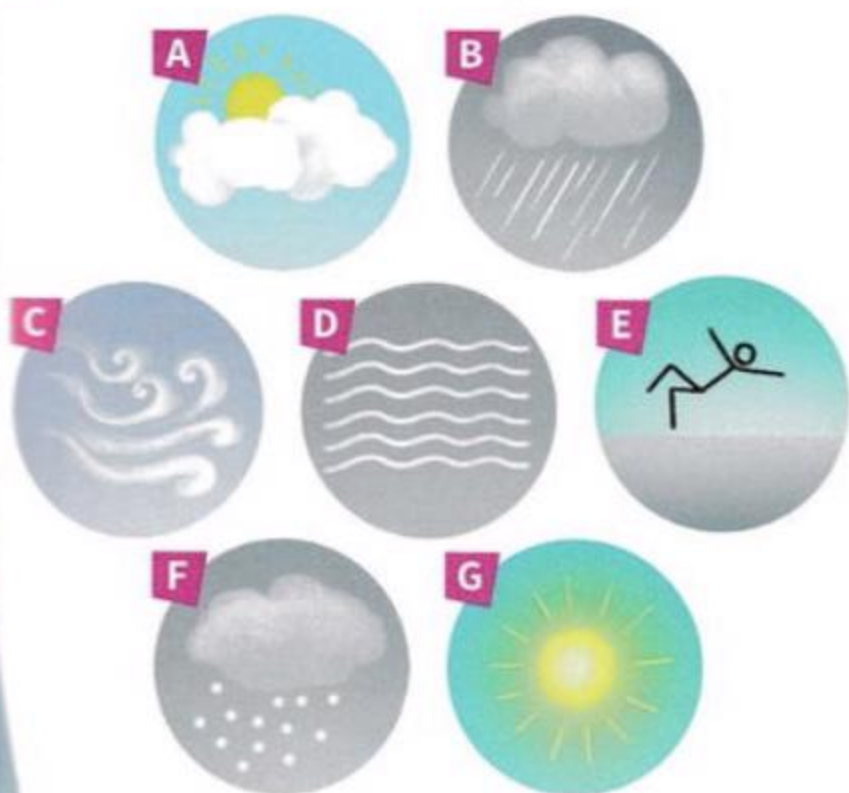
The weather

1 Complete the table with the adjectives.

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Nouns	Adjectives
cloud	<i>cloudy</i>
fog	
ice	
rain	
snow	
sun	
wind	

2 Now match the adjectives to the symbols.



3 Complete the facts using the words in Exercise 1.

- Wellington in New Zealand is a very _____ city. The _____ blows at more than 50 km an hour for more than half the year.
- New York can be very _____ in winter. In some years, the _____ is more than 50 cm deep.
- Valletta, the capital of Malta, has more _____ days than other cities in Europe. On most days there are no clouds in the sky.
- Mawsynram in India is the wettest place in the world. There is _____ most days of the year and people always carry an umbrella.

4 How would you describe your town or city? Use the word from Exercise 1.

In winter, Moscow is a very snowy city. There is deep snow everywhere from November to March.

LISTENING

115 **1** Peter was on holiday with a friend in Scotland last summer. They were looking for the Loch Ness monster. Listen and answer the question.

What was the weather like?

115 **2** Listen again and answer the questions.

- What day of the week was it?
- What did Peter do after he woke up?
- What could Peter see on the other side of the loch?
- What did Peter think he could see in the water?
- Why did Peter wait before he took the photo?
- What did his friend see in the water?

SPEAKING

1 What other stories about strange animals do you know? Do you know the names of any mythological animals?

Use the questions to help you with your ideas.

Where does the animal live?
 In which country?
 In the forest / water / mountains?
 What does it look like?
 Is it big / small?
 Does it fly?
 Is it friendly / shy?
 What is it called?
 Are there any pictures or photos of it?
 Is it real or just a story?

In pairs, tell your partner about your strange animal.



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LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation about Jack's holiday and tick (✓) the activities his family did.

- 1 go swimming _____
- 2 go to the beach _____
- 3 play games _____
- 4 go on a boat _____
- 5 go shopping _____
- 6 go to a restaurant _____
- 7 go skiing _____

2 Listen again and match the days to the weather.

- 1 Saturday _____
- 2 Sunday _____
- 3 Monday _____
- 4 Tuesday _____
- 5 Wednesday _____
- 6 Thursday _____
- a snowy _____
- b rainy _____
- c cloudy _____
- d windy _____
- e sunny _____
- f foggy _____



WRITING

A description or story about a strange animal

1 Match the questions about an animal to the answers.

- 1 Which country does the animal live in? _____
- 2 Where does the animal live? _____
- 3 What does it look like? _____
- 4 What does it do? _____
- 5 What is it called? _____
- 6 Is it real or not? _____
- a It comes out at night to walk in the town.
- b It is called the Bondar.
- c It lives in the forest.
- d It is short and fat with lots of hair.
- e It lives in Russia.
- f It's not real.

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 people / town / in / scared / the / were / the _____
- 2 living / the / forest / was / the / Bondar / in _____
- 3 he / a / went / one / to / house / night _____
- 4 boy / food / gave / a / him / some / little _____
- 5 became / boy / the / friends / the / Bondar / with _____

3 Complete the text with the words in the box.

big forest hair lives mountains saw

BIGFOOT is a strange animal. This animal ¹ _____ in the United States. It is very tall, it has a lot of ² _____ and very ³ _____ feet. It lives in wild places, maybe in high ⁴ _____ called the Rockies. It walks around the countryside looking for food. Some people say they ⁵ _____ Bigfoot. It was walking through a ⁶ _____ near a river. I don't think it is real!



4 Find out about a strange animal and write a description or story about it. Use the questions in Exercise 1 to help you and write about 50 words.

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VOCABULARY Animals

