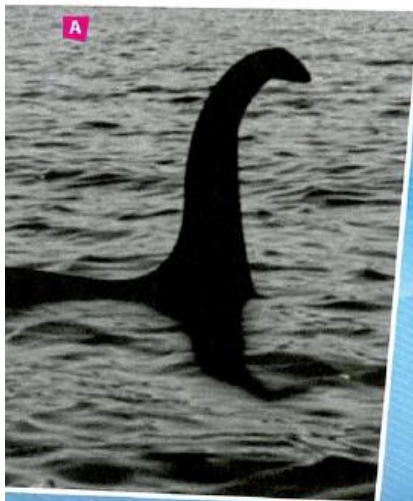




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Is it the same dog that lived in the house before?

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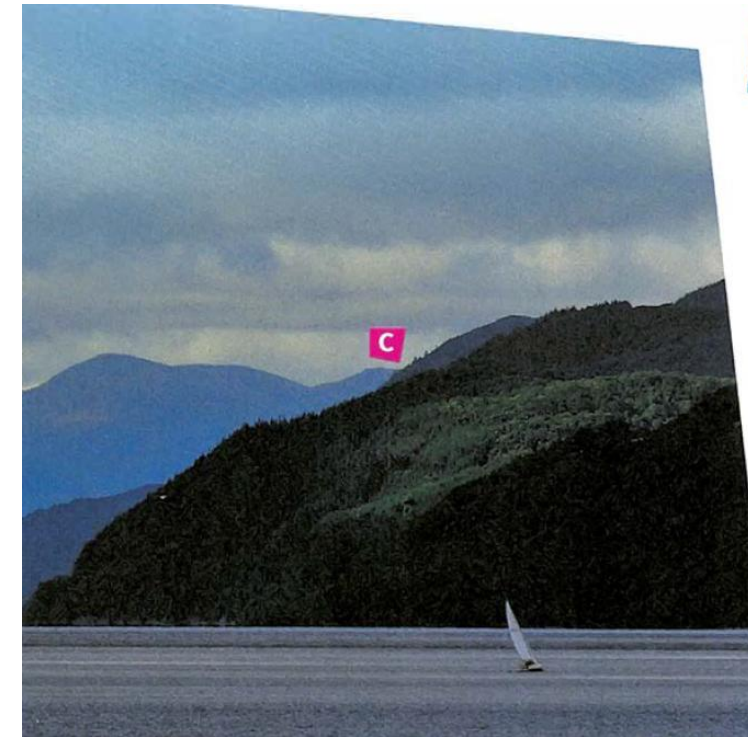
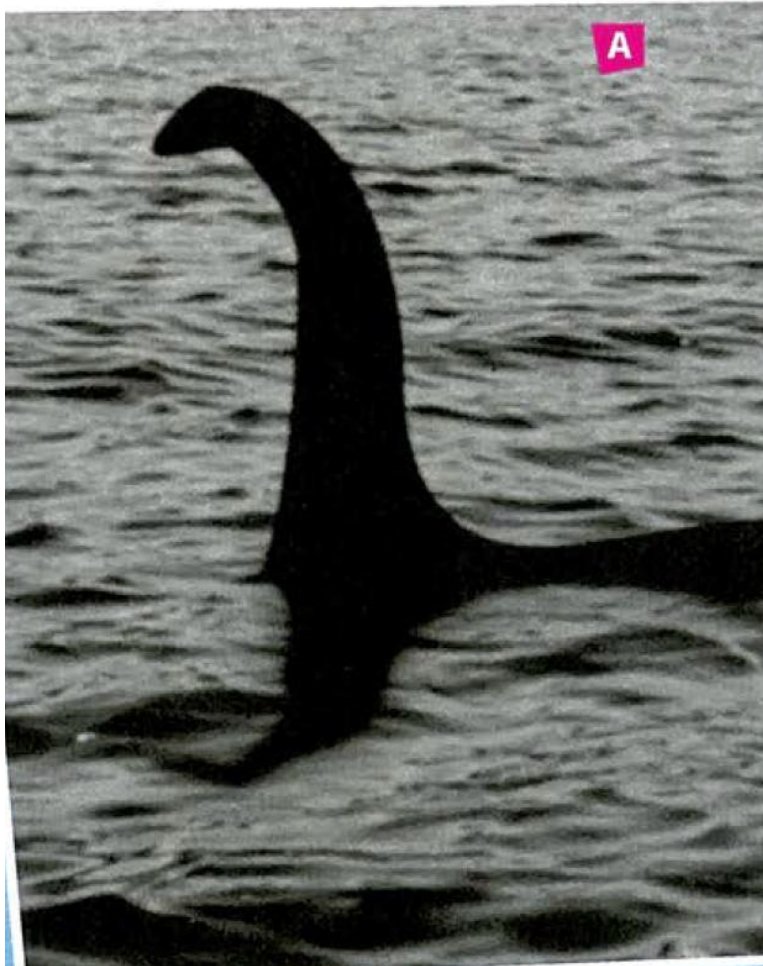
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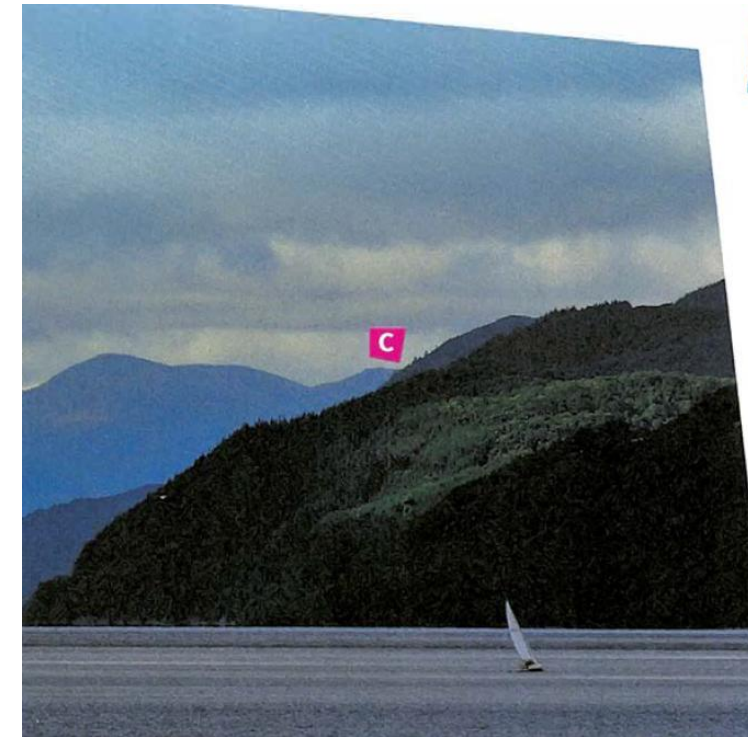
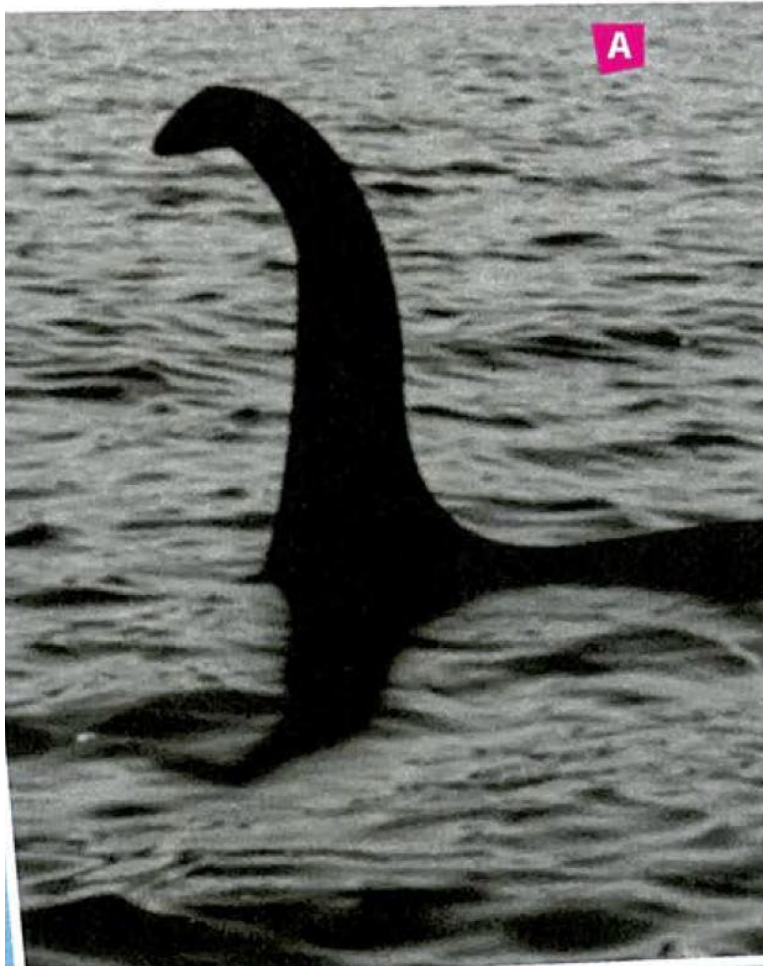
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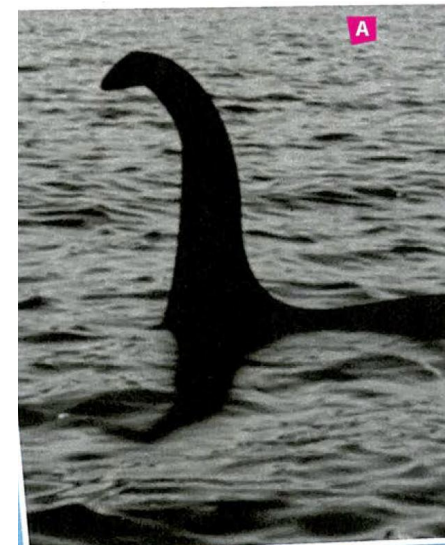
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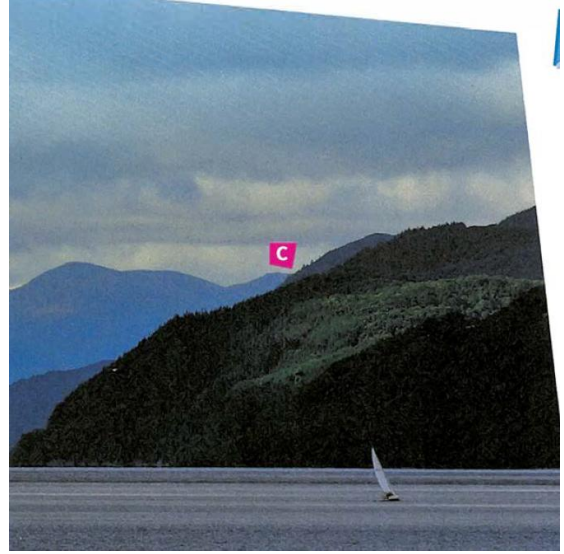
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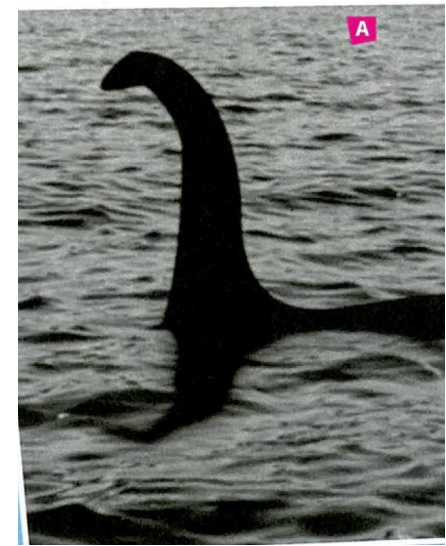


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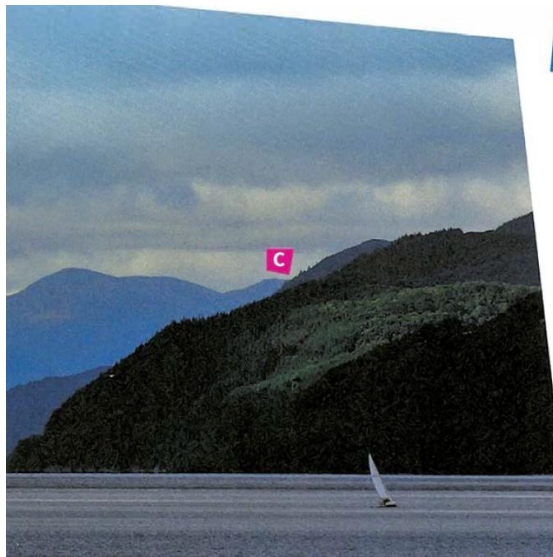
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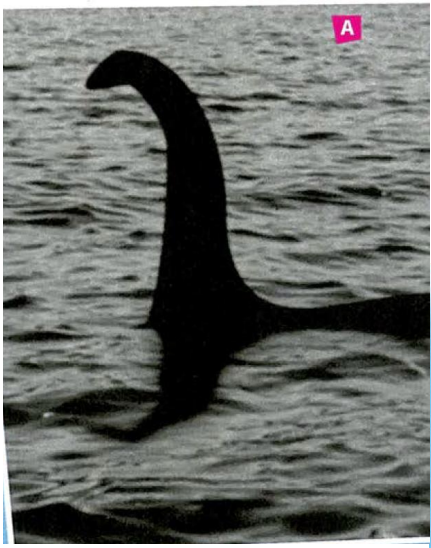
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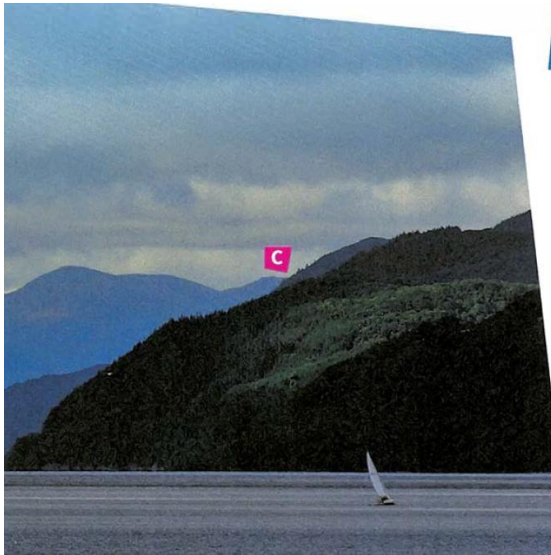
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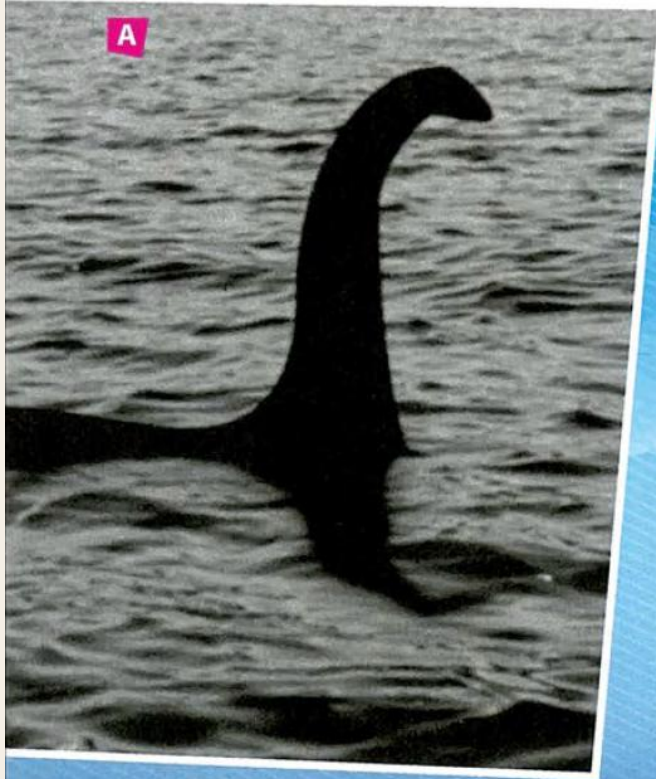
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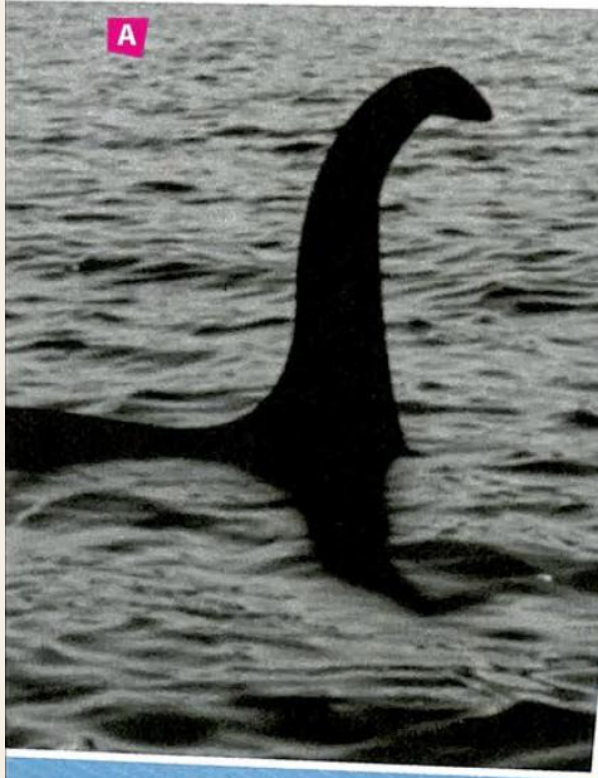
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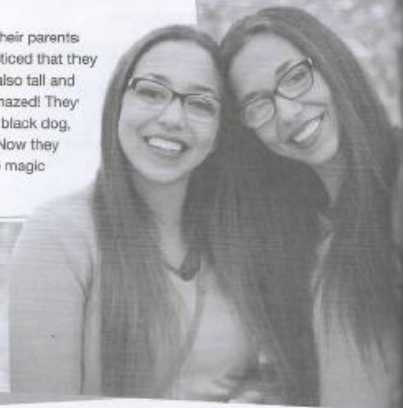
THANK YOU

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Strange stories

Many years ago, when she was nearly ten years old, Laura Buxton was playing in the garden with a balloon. Her family were having a party. She wrote a message on the balloon: 'Please return to Laura Buxton' and her address. It was a windy day and suddenly the balloon flew out of her hand and into the sky. This balloon travelled more than 200 km until it came down near the garden of another little girl. A man found the balloon, read the message and took it to her house. This girl was very surprised to see the message because her name was Laura Buxton too! And she was just ten years old.

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2 Read the story again and number the events in the order they happened.

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- b Laura One was playing with a balloon. _____
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- d The wind blew the balloon away. _____
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