



Loch Ness

The Truth is in here!

Loch Ness is a very special place. It is the most famous lake in the world.
Maybe we should say " the most famous loch in the world" ?

1. What does "loch" mean, Look it up in a dictionary and write what it means below.....

Loch means _____

2. If we said "the most famous loch in the world", how does this change what we are saying?

3. Many people know of Loch Ness but few know much about it. People know of Loch Ness because there is an argument about whether a monster lives in it.

Hold a class vote. Count how many in the class think there IS a monster in Loch Ness and how many think there IS NOT a monster. Fill in the vote box below.

Number who think there **IS** a monster _____ (**Believers**) Number who think there **IS NOT** a monster _____ (**Sceptics**)

4. Let's call the sides "**the sceptics**" and "**the believers**". What does **sceptic** mean ?

Sceptics mean people who _____

5. Now look up the word "monster " in the dictionary and write its meaning below.

Monster means _____

The word monster has many meanings doesn't it ?

The Believers should get together now and choose which meanings they DO believe in. The Sceptics should get together now and choose which meanings they DON'T believe in.

Are things becoming more difficult now ? Were we thinking of a meaning not in the dictionary at all ?

6. Everybody sit down and write your own meaning for the word MONSTER.

7. Now, in turn, everyone in class should read their own meaning out aloud.

Have you discovered that the same word can mean different things to different people ? Sometimes this makes it difficult for people to understand each other. We call this a MISUNDERSTANDING. The Loch Ness story is full of misunderstandings. Loch Ness is special because it seems to hide monsters from scientists who are looking for them. But at the same time it has shown monsters to over a thousand people just like us who were often doing something else at the time of the sighting. We call these people the "eyewitnesses".

8. Your task is now to write a story about Loch Ness. You can choose to be a **believer** or a **sceptic** in your story.

You were driving around the loch with your friends and stopped in a layby for a picnic lunch. You have walked down alone, through the trees to the waters edge. It is a beautiful sunny day. The water is flat calm. Suddenly, you see something in the water.....

Finish the story in your own way, in your own words and find a good title for it.

9. You are now **READY TO VISIT LOCH NESS 2000 Exhibition** and find out for yourself about the story of the most famous _____ (?) in the world!

