

A photo of the monster

1 In their summer holidays Martin, Sam, and David from Aberdeen in Scotland went to Inverness by
2 bike. They wanted to see the famous Loch Ness. Many people think that there is a monster called
3 Nessie in the lake.
4 It took them three days on their bikes. In the afternoon of the third day they arrived in Inverness.
5 Then they found a room at the youth hostel¹⁾.
6 The following morning Martin woke up at seven o'clock and went to the window. 'It's raining', he said
7 to Sam and David who were still lying in bed. 'I think we can't go on a bike tour today.'
8 'Don't worry, Martin', Sam said. 'We can have a quiet day at the lake and visit Nessie. There won't
9 be so many tourists today if the weather is getting worse.'
10 After breakfast the boys left the youth hostel and walked to the lake. There were some adverts²⁾ and
11 a price list for boat rentals³⁾.
12 'We could go for a boat trip on the lake', David said. 'Too expensive', Sam answered. 'My parents
13 didn't give me so much money.'
14 Then it started to rain.
15 'I won't stand here in the rain and get wet', Sam said. 'There's a little café over there. Let's have a
16 drink and wait for the sun.'
17 The boys went towards⁴⁾ the café. They passed a souvenir shop. There were lots of little plastic
18 models of Nessie in the shop window.
19 'Great', Martin said. 'I'd like to have a look inside. Are you coming?'
20 'Sure', David said, but Sam didn't want to go inside. 'I'm not spending any money on silly plastic
21 monsters', he said. 'I'll go over to the café and wait for you.'
22 Sam left his friends and went to the café, and Martin and David went into the souvenir shop. They
23 bought two big plastic models of the monster. They were £ 4.80 each.
24 When they came out of the shop, it was raining harder.
25 Some tourists were standing near the lake and watching
26 the water. Suddenly a man shouted, 'Look, the monster!'
27 He pointed to something black in the water. Everybody
28 looked ... but it was only a piece of wood⁵⁾.
29 'They are all waiting for Nessie', David said. 'I'm sure she
30 doesn't like the rain.'
31 'Of course she does', Martin answered. 'Take a photo of
32 her!'
33 'Very funny, Martin', David said. 'I can't take a photo of
34 Nessie if she isn't here.'
35 Martin opened his rucksack and took out his plastic model.
36 'Here she is. Take out your digital camera, and I'll put
37 Nessie in the water.' David started to laugh. 'What a great
38 idea. We'll show the photo to Sam.'
39 Martin wanted to put the model into the water, but he slipped, and his feet got wet⁶⁾. 'Blimey', he
40 shouted. 'I hate wet feet!' He put the model on the waves⁷⁾. David took the photo. Then they went
41 to the café to meet Sam.
42 'Hi Sam, look what we've got', Martin shouted and showed Sam the photo on the display of his
43 digital camera.
44 'What's that? Did you really see the monster? Why didn't you tell me?'
45 Sam was very excited. The other people at the café turned their heads and looked at the boys.
46 'Calm down, Sam', Martin said. 'And let's go back to the youth hostel because I can't stand⁸⁾ wet
47 feet.'



1) youth hostel – Jugendherberge
2) advert – Reklame
3) boat rental – Mietboot

4) towards – in Richtung
5) piece of wood – Holzstück
6) wet – nass

7) wave – Welle
8) to stand sth. – etwas ertragen, ausstehen

Let's check

In den folgenden Übungen kannst du zeigen, wie gut du den Text verstanden hast. Während der Bearbeitung der einzelnen Aufgaben solltest du deine Lösungen immer mit dem Text vergleichen.

1. Right or wrong?

	right	wrong
a) Martin, David, and Sam arrived in Inverness by bus.		
b) On their first day in Inverness the boys were too tired to go on a bike tour.		
c) They went to the lake because the weather wasn't nice.		
d) Sam didn't want to go on a boat trip because it was too expensive.		
e) When it started to rain, the boys went to a fast food restaurant.		
f) David and Martin bought plastic models of Nessie.		
g) There weren't a lot of tourists at the lake.		
h) One of the tourists saw Nessie.		
i) Martin put his plastic model into the water and David took a photo of it.		
j) Martin fell into the lake and was completely wet.		
k) Sam believed ¹⁾ that his friends had seen the monster.		
l) The other people in the café also wanted to see the photo of the monster.		

2. Please correct the sentences that are wrong in No. 1. (There are six.)

3. Find an expression in the text for ...

- a) someone who visits interesting places: _____
- b) costing a lot of money: _____
- c) a place where you can have a hot drink: _____
- d) speaking in a loud voice: _____
- e) the two parts of the body that you walk on: _____
- f) the opposite of dry: _____

4. Write your own story.

When Martin came home, he told his parents the story of the photo.

- a) On our first day in Inverness the weather _____
- b) So we went _____
- c) We didn't rent a boat because _____
- d) Then Sam went _____
- e) David and I bought _____
- f) We went back _____
- g) Then a man shouted, _____ but it was only _____
- h) Then I put _____ and
David took _____
- i) We showed _____
- j) Sam was very _____ and _____

1) to believe – glauben

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5. Questions – answers – pictures.

On this page you find questions and answers on the text. There are more answers than you need. Cut out the questions and answers, put them in the right order and stick them correctly in your exercise book. Then cut out the pictures and stick them next to the correct questions and answers.



<p>⑤ What did David and Martin show to Sam in the café?</p>	<p>② Why did David take out his digital camera?</p>		
<p>⑦ What did one of the tourists suddenly think?</p>	<p>① Why did David and Martin go into a souvenir shop?</p>		
<p>⑥ Why did Sam go to a café?</p>	<p>⑧ Why didn't the boys go on a boat trip on Loch Ness?</p>		
<p>④ What was the weather like on their first day in Inverness?</p>	<p>③ Where did Martin and his friends go in their summer holidays?</p>		
<p>Ⓓ Because they wanted to buy plastic models of Nessie.</p>	<p>Ⓔ Because Martin's feet got wet.</p>		
<p>Ⓚ Because he didn't want to spend money on a plastic model of Nessie.</p>	<p>Ⓛ It was very expensive and Sam didn't have enough money.</p>		
<p>Ⓔ They went from Aberdeen to Inverness by bike.</p>	<p>Ⓜ He thought he saw Nessie, but it was only a piece of wood.</p>		
<p>Ⓒ They showed him their photo of Nessie.</p>	<p>Ⓐ It was raining.</p>		
<p>① Because he wanted to take a photo of Martin's Nessie model in the water.</p>	<p>Ⓒ The models cost £ 4.80 each.</p>		
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<p>Ⓛ</p>	<p>Ⓜ</p>	<p>Ⓛ</p>	<p>Ⓛ</p>