

Loch Ness



Does some strange huge creature inhabit the waters of Loch Ness? Some people think so.

Loch Ness is a lake located just 37 kilometers southwest of Inverness, Scotland. At a depth of 243 meters, **it** is the country's deepest lake. It is also **pretty** wide at 37 kilometers. The large amount of peat in the lake makes it nearly impossible to see into the water. For many years, people who have visited it claim to have seen a mysterious creature rise from the surface. It has earned the name "Loch Ness Monster" or "Nessie".

The Loch Ness mystery began on May 2, 1933 when a local newspaper reported that a couple had seen "an enormous animal" on the lake's surface in April. The story was also printed in London newspapers and gained much public interest. A famous hunter went to capture the beast but did not find it. He did report that he found several very large footprints. **They** were examined by scientists and found to be a **hoax**.

The public soon lost interest in the "Loch Ness Monster" until a photograph of the monster was published in newspapers on April 21, 1934. The dark image appeared to show the neck and back of a large creature emerging from the water. Most experts who examined it many years later say that the photograph is a fake but some insist it is real. Several videos have also been taken that show a large creature moving through the lake, which has **set off** further debate about the existence of the creature. The shapes that appear in these images may actually be birds, boats, or trees in the water.



1. According to the article, how deep is Loch Ness?
 - a) 37 meters
 - b) 37 kilometers
 - c) 243 meters
 - d) it is impossible to tell

2. In paragraph 2, “it” refers to:
 - a) water
 - b) Loch Ness
 - c) Inverness
 - d) Scotland

3. The word “pretty” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) quite
 - b) cute
 - c) a little
 - d) unusually

4. According to the article, when was the first sighting of the Loch Ness Monster reported?
 - a) on May 2, 1933
 - b) on May 3, 1932
 - c) on April 2, 1934
 - d) on April 21, 1934

5. In paragraph 3, “they” refers to:
 - a) hunters
 - b) footprints
 - c) newspapers
 - d) the public

6. The word “hoax” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) battle
 - b) report
 - c) trick
 - d) truth

7. The phrase “set off” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) stopped
 - b) burned
 - c) talked
 - d) started

Answers: 1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (c) 7. (d)