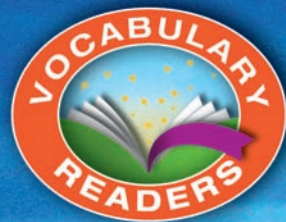


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- ▶ Many people say that a monster lives in a lake in Scotland.
  - ▶ Some people call it Nessie, because the lake is named Loch Ness.
- Other people do not believe that Nessie is real at all!



Loch Ness

 Many **ordinary** people have reported seeing Nessie.

In 1933, two people saw a giant animal in the lake.

 News reporters and other people rushed to Loch Ness.

There were so many people that things got out of **control**.

Some people wanted to find Nessie and put the monster in a **cage**.

🔊 A newspaper hired a hunter to find Nessie.

His name was

Marmaduke Wetherell.

He made copies of some big footprints and took them to a museum.

🔊 But the scientists at the museum were **suspicious**.

They said Wetherell used stuffed hippo feet to make the prints!



🔊 In 1934, someone took a picture of Nessie, and it became a famous photo. It made many people believe that Nessie was real.



- ▶ In 1979, Alastair Boyd saw a large animal in the lake. It moved like a whale, and he wanted to know more about it.
- ▶ He also wanted to know more about the famous picture from 1934. He talked to many people.



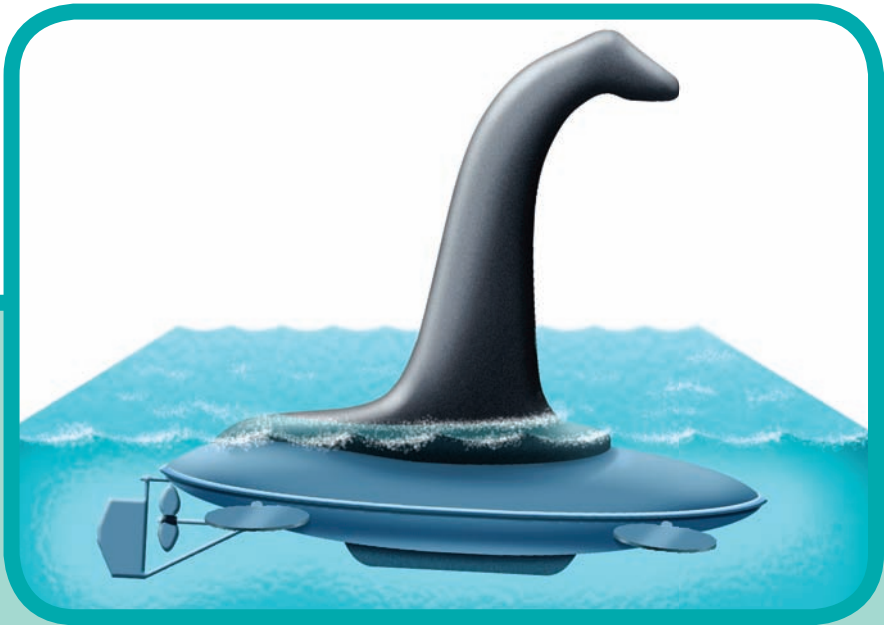
🔊 Boyd heard that a family had played a trick.

The family had a model of the monster.

🔊 They placed it on a boat in Loch Ness.

Then the family took a photo.

People got **upset** when they found out about the trick.





- Other photos were not a trick.  
In 1960, Tim Dinsdale took photos of something huge moving under the water.
- He had some **training** as a scientist, so people listened to him.  
Soon scientists came to the lake to track the monster.  
And scientists have come to the lake ever since.



- Over many years, more than 4,000 people have reported seeing Nessie! Many **sensible** people report seeing an animal with a long neck, and some people even report flippers.
- Others say that these people are **confused** and that there is no monster.



- ▶ Alastair Boyd proved that the 1934 photo was a fake, but he still believes Nessie is real.
- ▶ And so do thousands of other people.  
Maybe one day, someone will prove them right!



# Responding

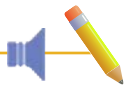
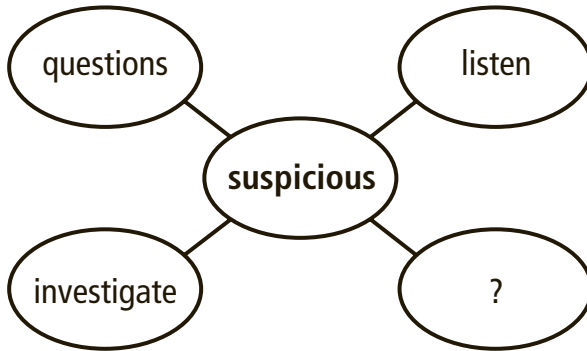


## TARGET SKILL

## Word Builder

When

someone acts suspiciously, you get suspicious! Then what do you do? Copy the word web below and add things you do if you are suspicious about something.



## Write About It

**Text to Text** Have you read other books about scary or mysterious animals? Use a few sentences to write a response paragraph about an animal from another book. Use words from the Word Builder.



### TARGET VOCABULARY

cage

confused

control

ordinary

sensible

suspiciously

training

upset



### TARGET STRATEGY

**Infer/Predict** Use text

clues to figure out important ideas.



Which vocabulary word describes how you might feel if you were being chased by a dangerous animal?

**Level: I**

**DRA: 16**

**Science**

**Strategy:**  
Infer/Predict

**Word Count: 362**

## 2.6.26 Build Vocabulary

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