

9M – Review Answers



Try these

What do the following adjectives and phrases describe in the text?

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| 1. indescribable, other-worldly almost | (screeching, howling) sound |
| 2. lurking just below the surface | "something" |
| 3. dark, elongated | a shape |
| 4. long, tapering | (Nessie's) head and neck |
| 5. gigantic | an eel |
| 6. massive | (Nessie's) humps |
| 7. dark, muddy grey – as murky as the deepest sea. | (the color of Nessie's) skin |
| 8. brilliant green | (Nessie's) eyes |
| 9. everything went still | The surface of the lake (and surroundings) |
| 10. a pachyderm | (another word for) elephant |



Your turn

Answers will vary

Emma thought that what Roy saw was an elephant. Imagine that Emma goes to the Loch and does see an elephant swimming there. Describe the event in detail from her arriving at the lake to when she leaves. You can add other events to your story as you wish.

It was early evening. The light was poor. When I got out of my car I caught a whiff of a familiar scent, but I couldn't place it. I walked toward the lake, and I noticed big round indentations in the ground. Looking closer, I saw some light brown husks of some kind crushed into the ground. I picked one up—it was a peanut shell! I looked up to see the lake come into view. A large creature was just emerging from the water! At first I thought it really was Nessie, but then it trumpeted and flapped its ears at me. The elephant wasn't happy to be disturbed! I ran back to my car and drove away.



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Think of your favourite scene from your favourite movie and describe it in detail. Include any dialogue, a description of the setting and action, and any other important details.

A Viking boy has been raised to hate dragons, and now he has shot one down with a weapon of his own invention. He is searching for the dragon to prove his deed, when he finds an area where the trees and grass have been torn up. Coming over a rise, he sees the dragon! It's still tangled in the ropes he used to bring it down. It looks up at him, breath fast with fear. He comes close to it and raises his knife. "I have to do this!" he says. "I'm a Viking!" The dragon closes its eyes and turns away. The boy lowers the knife, realizing he can't kill the helpless creature. The dragon opens its eyes again, startled, as it realizes the boy is cutting away the ropes. He nearly regrets his decision as it roars in his face, but then it turns and runs away.

Invent your own monster. It can be a mix of other monsters or completely original. Describe it in detail. The Horned Rabbit is like a rabbit, but much bigger. It has two sets of horns growing from its head. It also has sharp teeth, so humans are advised to keep a safe distance. If you can see it, you are too close.