9N — Review Answers

What do you think?   *Answers will vary*

Do you agree with these statements? Why or why not?

1. The Loch Ness monster could be a plesiosaur.

No. Plesiosaurs were not aquatic animals, and Nessie is.

2. Nessie could really have been a travelling circus elephant.

Yes. It's possible someone could mistake an elephant for a monster in low light.

3. Sonar readings would have detected any large creatures if they were in the lake.

No. If Nessie was resting against the surface or in a cave, she could have escaped detection.

4. Creatures like Nessie could live in subterranean volcanoes.

Yes. There's no knowing what kinds of tunnels there are deep in the earth.

5. Without any physical evidence, we should assume that Nessie doesn't exist.

Yes. The photographs could easily have been faked.

Can you think of any other theories about Nessie? If she isn't a plesiosaur or an elephant, then what do you think people have seen in the lake?

It could have been a crashed alien spaceship, or a large alien lifeform. However, it's most likely people's imaginations being influenced by the famous photo.

You try   *Answers will vary*

Look at the following sequence.

If I hadn't got up on time this morning I would have missed the bus to school.
If I had missed the bus to school I would have been late for class.
If I had been late to class I might have got detention.
If I had got detention I wouldn't have been able to practice baseball after school.
If ...

Make your own hypothetical sequences using the starters below.

If I had been born ten years later **I would have started using computers at a much younger age. If I had started using computers younger, maybe I would be more technically literate now. If I were more technically literate, maybe I would be working as a computer programmer. If I were a programmer, maybe I could make my own custom software.**

If it had (or hadn't) rained today **If it had rained today, I couldn't have done laundry. If I couldn't do laundry, I wouldn't have clothes to wear to work tomorrow. If I wore jeans to work tomorrow, my boss might get angry and fire me. If I lost my job, I would have to move back in with my parents.**

If Columbus hadn't discovered America **someone else would have, but he couldn't have exploited the Indians he met when he arrived. Maybe Europe and the Indians would have had better relations if someone else had made contact with the Indians and developed a close relationship with them.**

Are there any mysterious places in your country? Why are they mysterious?
There is a big sinkhole. It's not actually dangerous, but legend says it reaches all the way to the underworld. You can walk down inside on wooden staircases and pathways.