

● **W2 “I don’t believe in the Loch Ness monster yet”**

Adrian Shine, of the Loch Ness project, says the search continues for strange animals living in Loch Ness. The first photograph which claimed to be of the Loch Ness monster was taken 75 years ago. Adrian Shine, leader of the Loch Ness project, discusses why the myth of Nessie survives to this day.

Listening: BBC Radio 4
http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_7724000/7724223.stm

1. The first part of the radio programme

Assignments

A You are going to listen to a radio interview with the title “I don’t believe in the Loch Ness Monster yet.” What do you think the interview is going to be about?

B First read the following questions (1–5). Then listen to the first part of the radio programme (till 1960/till 1.30 min) and answer the questions.

Questions:

1) Who is Adrian Shine?
 a) The leader of the Loch Ness project
 b) A nessiologist
 c) A radio reporter

2) Where does the radio interview with Adrian Shine take place?
 a) in Edinburgh
 b) in Glasgow
 c) in Inverness

3) How many years have passed since the first Nessie picture was taken?
 a) 45 years
 b) 75 years
 c) 79 years

4) How many times has Alex Campbell seen the monster?
 a) 4 times
 b) 18 times
 c) once

5) Alex Campbell is
 a) a local shop owner
 b) a biologist
 c) an American tourist and photographer



C Now listen to the beginning of Campbell’s report. When your teacher stops the recording at the words “... and I was right in the middle of the loch about two and a half to three sea miles east of Fort Augustus and all of a sudden there was ...”, continue. Write down what you think Campbell says next: (Write 3 to 4 sentences). Present your results to the class.

D Now listen to the remainder of Campbell’s report (30 seconds) and compare it with your own ideas. Talk about differences and similarities. What surprises you?

2. Second part of the programme

Assignments

A While listening to the 2nd part of the radio programme for the first time, tick which of the words in the table below are mentioned in the interview.

B Discuss in class in which context they occur.

C Listen to the radio programme a second (and third) time and answer the following questions.
 – What’s the name of the most famous Nessie picture? (proven to be a fake in the end)
 – Name three technical items that have been used to prove Nessie’s existence.

D Name the two sorts of Nessie pictures that exist.

E Imagine you had to fake proof of Nessie’s existence. How would you do it to attract further tourists to Loch Ness?

Words in the interview?	✓	Words in the interview?	✓
solar energy		submarine	
photographs		aquatic animals	
victims		world heritage status	
whales		1960s	
eye witness accounts		Nessie investigation centre	
surgeon’s picture		1950s	
investigation		Great Barrier Reef	
medieval bestiary		Great Glen Fordline	
fake dentist’s picture		kilted spiffs	
breeding monsters		unique set of illusions	
feeding monsters		unique set of confusions	
cameras			