

# READING

## Comprehension

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Find the synonyms and answer other questions.

I have lived here beside the Loch Ness since I retired last year. My house has a good, clear view of the loch. In fact, it's only about a hundred metres from the lake, and there is nothing but the road in between. Now I've never been interested in the Loch Ness monster, you understand. Until last Tuesday, I thought it was just a good story to attract tourists. But I've had to change my mind after last Tuesday's experience.

I got up as usual at about 7 and went into my garden. Something attracted my attention to the loch. There was almost no mist that morning, and I could see there was something moving quite fast, going north, in the middle of the loch. It looked like a giant snake, with its head and part of its body above water. It was about thirty metres long. I rushed into the house to get my camera, but when I was back it had gone.

I waited and it appeared again, this time nearer the road and my house. I could see it clearly. I managed to take several photographs of it. They haven't come out very well, unfortunately, but one or two of them show the creature quite clearly. At one point it swam straight towards me, but then a lorry passed on the road and perhaps it heard the noise of the engine because it disappeared again. I reckon the whole incident lasted for about fifteen minutes, because I looked at my watch the last time I saw it, and it said a quarter past seven. I've never seen anything so strange in my life.

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Why does he now think in a different way? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can be seen from his house? \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened when he ran into the house to get his camera? \_\_\_\_\_

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What made the monster disappear the second time? \_\_\_\_\_

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