

Lisa visits Loch Ness

elementary

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Teacher's Book

SUGGESTED PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

It is advisable to get the students interested in the story and arouse their curiosity about the characters and places involved before they actually start reading it. For this purpose, you should supply them with some of the information given below.

Background InformationPorridge

A traditional Scottish breakfast dish eaten hot with milk and sugar.

Kilt

A skirt of pleated tartan wool reaching the knees, traditionally worn by Scottish men.

Clan

A group of families descended from a common ancestor.

Lass

A word, commonly used in Scotland, which means a girl or a young woman.

Nessie

Is the name of the legendary monster which supposedly lives at Loch Ness.

Loch Ness

Is approximately 38.5 kilometres (24 miles) long and 1.6 kilometres (1 mile) wide in places. In some places it reaches a depth of some 21 metres (700 feet). It is the deepest lake in the British Isles.

Drumnadrochit

Drumnadrochit is a village situated along Loch Ness. It is approximately 24 kilometres south of Inverness. Drumnadrochit is Gaelic and is translated as "the bridge on the ridge."

Urquhart Castle

The remains of one of the largest castles in Scotland. It dominates a rocky promontory on Loch Ness. It is situated 3.2 kilometres south of Drumnadrochit.

Inverness

Is known as the capital of the Scottish Highlands. It is dominated by a huge sandstone castle.

Fort Augustus

Fort Augustus was originally a village called Kilchumein - Church of St Chumein. The fort was built in the 18th century and named in honour of the Duke of Cumberland.

Foyers

Foyers is well known for its two falls which plunge through a pinewood gorge. One is 10 metres and the other is 30 metres.

It is also advisable to spend one lesson doing some pre-reading activities. You can select the activities that suit you best from the ideas presented below.

- Write the title of the story on the board. Ask the students some general questions about the title and encourage them to make hypotheses about it, e.g.
 - Where is Loch Ness?
 - Why did Lisa go there?
 - Who did she go there with?
 - What do you think the story is about?
- Have the students look at the cover of the Reader and ask them some general questions about it, e.g.
 - Who is the girl on the cover?

REVISION TEST 1

(Chapters 1 - 4)

A. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is Lisa's hobby?
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- 2 Where did the MacGregors and Lisa go on holiday?
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- 3 Who is Nessie?
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- 4 Which place did they visit when they were in Drumnadrochit?
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- 5 What's the original language of Scotland?
.....

B. Are these sentences True or False? Write T or F in the boxes provided.

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| 1 Lisa travelled to Scotland by bus. | ☐ |
| 2 Lisa was excited about the monster. | ☐ |
| 3 Lisa and Sheena swam in the lake. | ☐ |
| 4 Lisa, Sheena and Rory rode to the village together. | ☐ |
| 5 Rory had a problem with his bicycle. | ☐ |

REVISION TEST 1

(Chapters 1 - 4)

C. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box.

agreed arrived believed laughed pointed

- 1 She _____ at a dress and said, "Look at that! Isn't it nice?"
- 2 They _____ in Paris at eight o'clock. They were late.
- 3 My cousin _____ all the stories people told him.
- 4 The children _____ when the teacher told them a joke.
- 5 We _____ with Jane to have the party on Friday.

D. Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

- 1 My cousin is the same age _____ me.
a with b as c at
- 2 I _____ up late today because I was very tired.
a woke b felt c held
- 3 Peter left in a _____ this afternoon and left his keys on the desk.
a way b fell c hurry
- 4 We couldn't see anything in the cave because it was very _____.
a cold b dark c scary
- 5 I went to the information _____ to ask about the bus.
a station b seat c desk