

Beastly Tales

- 1 Look at the title. Can you think of two possible meanings of this title?
- 2 On page 11, what does the picture carved on the rock by ancient Picts suggest?
- 3 Look at page 17. Why are claims made by lawyers, priests and police officers 'credible'?
- 4 What do you think is the most convincing evidence that the Loch Ness Monster exists? What do you think is the most convincing evidence that it doesn't exist?
- 5 'Even the police felt afraid ...' (page 24). What does the word 'even' tell you?
- 6 Does the photograph on page 30 show a real yeti?
- 7 On page 34, why does the author ask a series of questions?
- 8 What other names are there for the bigfoot?
- 9 Who filmed the pictures on page 41?
- 10 Look at the blue fact box on page 43. Which word shows that the author is not sure if the stories are true?

Answers

- 1 'Beastly Tales' can mean 'Tales about beasts' and it can mean 'Unpleasant tales'.
- 2 It suggests that the ancient Picts might have seen the Loch Ness Monster.
- 3 Their jobs mean they have to tell the truth and they can be trusted.
- 4 Answers will vary.
- 5 It tells you that everyone was afraid, including the people you would expect to be the bravest ones of all.
- 6 No, it shows a model of a yeti.
- 7 To emphasise that nobody knows the answers; to make the story seem more mysterious; to make the reader wonder about the yeti.
- 8 Sasquatch and Oh-mah-ah
- 9 Roger Patterson
- 10 'supposed'