



Mysteries of the Unexplained

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While reading

Chapter 1

1 Discuss with a friend whether the sentences are right (✓), possible (?) or completely wrong (X). Then check your answers with the rest of the class. Do you agree?

- a People say they have seen aliens.
- b Aliens exist.
- c Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon.
- d Mr and Mrs Trent saw a flying saucer in the sky.
- e Mr and Mrs Trent took a picture of what they saw in the sky.
- f 'The Roswell crash' was a plane crash.
- g Betty and Barney Hill went into a UFO.

2 Match the name and the description.

- Maurice Masse Armstrong and Aldrin
governments Lonnie Zamora William Brazel
- a spend a lot of money trying to discover more about space.
 - b saw two big things with bright eyes.
 - c saw fire balls in the hills.
 - d saw two men in his fields.
 - e found many pieces of metal in his fields.

Chapters 2-3

3 Put these sentences in the right order, 1-5.

- a Since 1930, over 3,000 people have said they have seen the monster.
- b The most famous photograph was taken in 1934.
- c The first description of a monster in Loch Ness was 400 years ago.
- d The first newspaper report was in 1933.
- e The first colour photo came out in 1977.

4 Which sentences in Activity 3 have ...

- a numbers below one thousand?
- b numbers above one thousand?
- c numbers above two thousand?

5 Imagine that the mysterious monsters can speak. Match the names with the right sentence.

- Nessie Moby Dick a giant squid
a Globster a Yeti Bigfoot
- a 'Albert isn't heavy at all!'

- b 'I'm not scared. The whale isn't bigger than I am.'
- c 'Poor fisherman. He will soon lose.'
- d 'I hate those whales! I'll win the fight next time!'
- e 'Next time those climbers look at me I'm going to attack them!'

6 Which monsters are in ...

- a America?
- b Africa?
- c Asia?
- d Europe?

Chapter 4

7 Colour the mistakes in the report of a student on 'Ancient Cultures'. Then write the correct sentences.

- a Stonehenge is more than 6,000 years old.
.....
- b Experts believe five men worked every day for over one thousand five hundred years.
.....
- c Some people know who built Stonehenge.
.....
- d Rapa Nui is located in the Atlantic Ocean.
.....
- e Europeans reached the island in the year 800 A.D.
.....
- f The monuments there are about five metres tall.
.....
- g In the 1990s, fifteen scientists visited the island.
.....
- h It took four years for scientists to move a hundred statues.
.....

8 Write right (✓), wrong (X) or we don't know (?) next to the sentences.

- a The reasons why Stonehenge was built are clear.
- b The moais are in the Pacific Ocean.
- c Aliens helped the people on Easter Island to move more than 300 statues.
- d Scientists are sure that all the drawings in Nazca have a religious meaning.



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Chapter 5

- 9 A reporter has forgotten key information on some mysteries of the mind and the body. Finish the report in pairs.
- Uri Geller discovered his powers when
 - Nostradamus had a special power to
 - His predictions were about times that were into the future.
 - He predicted correctly three important things:
 - David Booth had a dream about a plane crash in
 - A fortune-teller told John Snell that
- 10 Find the mistakes! Colour the mistakes in the sentences. Then write the correct sentences.
- Uri Geller can change the shape of metal things with the power of his own hands.
 - Nostradamus was a teacher.
 - David Booth saw a car crashing.
 - John Snell was told that he would die at 85.
 - A young woman from Pirano looked green when she slept.

Chapter 6

- 11 Match the names and the descriptions.
- The *buruburu* poltergeists the *zar*
the *domovik* the *rusalka* Bridey Murphy
Shanti Devi the Pollock children
- They knew everything about their dead sisters.
 - This woman, or sometimes an old man, attacks people who cannot see them.
 - They are angry ghosts.
 - This Indian girl remembered all the details of her past life.
 - This ghost drives couples crazy.
 - One hundred years before, she lived on another continent.
 - This ghost protects houses when he is not angry.
 - This ghost is very attractive.

12 Match the incomplete sentences with their endings.

- The house next to Borley Church became famous because ...
 - When the BBC filmed Borley Church ...
 - The Brown Lady is ...
 - An acheri is the ghost ...
 - The word poltergeist means ...
- ... a ghost in a house in Norfolk.
 - ... they heard loud noises but they saw no one.
 - ... of a little girl.
 - ... noisy ghost.
 - ... many strange things happened there.

Chapter 7

- 13 Say it out loud! Write the dates on which the mysteries happened. Then read them out loud to another student.
- Large circles were first found on English farms.
 - Crop circles were already famous.
 - It was discovered that people were making the circles.
 - There were weather changes in Kansas.
 - The earth shook in France.

After reading

- 14 Work with another student. One of you is an alien, the other one interviews the alien.
- Interviewer: Ask the alien why they have come to the Earth, where they are from, what their planet is like etc.
- Alien: Answer all the questions and ask questions about life on Planet Earth.
- 15 Act out the dialogue from Activity 14 in class.
- 16 Creative writing
- Imagine you have lived another life and you are able to remember it. You know you were very famous. Who were you? Write all about it in your diary.
 - You are the Brown Lady. Tell the BBC filmmakers and reporters at Borley Church how you became a ghost. Confess your mysterious secret: why you are 'living' there and what you really want!



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Chapter 1

1 There are three mistakes in each of the sentences below. Find them and write the correct sentences.

- a Socorro: Farmer Lonnie Zamora was driving to work when he saw a spaceship in the hills.
- b Valensole: Policeman Maurice Mause saw three tall men in his field. They pointed a gun at him.
- c In 1900, two children were found. They were blue all over and ate only meat.

2 Fill in the gaps with the right word.

military missing followed aliens disappearance

- a There have been many reports of taking people onto their ships.
- b Betty and Barney Hill were by a big bright light they saw in the sky.
- c The Hills were for an hour.
- d After their, the Hills had terrible dreams.
- e The Hills were so frightened that they decided to tell what happened to them to men to see if they could help them.

Chapters 2–3

3 Decide what information is right (✓) or wrong (✗).

- a The Bermuda Triangle is in the Pacific Ocean.
- b It is impossible to clearly explain the mystery in the Bermuda Triangle.
- c The *Maria Celeste* and the *Dei Gratia* left New York on the same day.
- d Mr Lang's daughter could hear her father's voice after he disappeared.
- e Nessie is the only lake monster in the world.

4 Circle the right words.

- a 'Nessie watchers' travel to *Scotland* / *America* to see the monster.
- b The book *Moby Dick* is about a fisherman who fought a war with *a whale* / *a squid*.
- c The Globster fought *a whale* / *two whales* in South Africa.
- d The Yeti are said to live in *the American mountains* / *the Himalayan mountains*.
- e A Canadian man called Albert Ostman said he saw *Big Foot* / *Nessie*.

Chapter 4

5 Choose the right answer.

- 1 Stonehenge is ...
 - a unique.
 - b similar to other temples in Europe.

2 *Rapa Nui*, in the Pacific Ocean, ...

- a has only a few statues.
- b was not known by Europeans before 1722.

3 King Tutankhamen's body ...

- a was never found by Howard Carter.
- b was put in a pyramid in Luxor.

4 The city of Atlantis ...

- a was a poor place.
- b is supposed to be under water.

5 The Nazca Lines in Peru ...

- a were made for the gods.
- b are so big that they have to be seen from the air.

Chapter 5

6 Fill in the gaps with the right word.

predicted scientists dreams frightening burning

- a Some people's come true.
- b are studying unexplained mysteries.
- c What happens to some people's bodies can be
- d Fire-walkers walk on stones.
- e Nostradamus is the man who has the largest number of events that came true.

Chapter 6

7 Decide what information is right (✓) or wrong (✗).

- a More than 5,000 mysterious things were reported by the Foysters.
- b The house was destroyed by ghosts who were looking for revenge in 1939.
- c The 'Brown Lady' had a spooky face and had beautiful eyes.
- d The photographers were very scared when they saw the Brown Lady.
- e The Brown Lady was never seen after her picture was taken.

8 Now correct the wrong sentences in Activity 7.

Chapter 7

9 Circle the right words.

- a In 1960, frogs were found alive inside *stones* / *trees* / *houses*.
- b In January 1984, a ball of light flew through an *American* / *Russian* / *English* plane and frightened all the passengers.
- c The reason for the weather change of 11°C in *ten* / *twenty* / *two* minutes in the city of Kansas has never been found.
- d The ball of fire in Tunguska *turned everything black* / *frightened the people around* / *destroyed everything*.