Mysteries of the Unexplained

While reading
Chapter 1
1 Discuss with a friend whether the sentences are right (√), possible (?) or completely wrong (×). 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 Barny 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!’ .......................
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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.
a Uri Geller discovered his powers when ..............................................
b Nostradamus had a special power to ..........................................................c His predictions were about times that were ........................................... into the future.
d He predicted correctly three important things: ......................................
e David Booth had a dream about a plane crash in ........................................
f A fortune-teller told John Snell that ........................................................

10 Find the mistakes! Colour the mistakes in the sentences. Then write the correct sentences.
a Uri Geller can change the shape of metal things with the power of his own hands.
b Nostradamus was a teacher.
c David Booth saw a car crashing.
d John Snell was told that he would die at 85.
e 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
a They knew everything about their dead sisters. ......................
b This woman, or sometimes an old man, attacks people who cannot see them. ......................
c They are angry ghosts. ......................
d This Indian girl remembered all the details of her past life. ......................
e This ghost drives couples crazy. ......................
f One hundred years before, she lived on another continent. ......................
g This ghost protects houses when he is not angry. ......................
h This ghost is very attractive. ......................

12 Match the incomplete sentences with their endings.
1 The house next to Borley Church became famous because ...
2 When the BBC filmed Borley Church ...
3 The Brown Lady is ...
4 An acheri is the ghost ...
5 The word poltergeist means ...
a ... a ghost in a house in Norfolk.
b ... they heard loud noises but they saw no one.
c ... of a little girl.
d ... noisy ghost.
e ... 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.
a Large circles were first found on English farms. ...........
b Crop circles were already famous. ...........
c It was discovered that people were making the circles. ...........
d There were weather changes in Kansas. ...........
e 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
a 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.
b 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!
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 Mausse 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.

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 5
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8 Now correct the wrong sentences in Activity 7.

Chapter 6
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.