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Blended Learning Lesson

Canada's Ogopogo Lake Monster

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. Indigenous | <u>E</u> | A. to say something is true |
| 2. spirit | _____ | B. an animal with a wide, flat tail and strong teeth |
| 3. claim | _____ | C. a thick piece of wood cut from a tree |
| 4. sighting | _____ | D. a person with special knowledge or skill |
| 5. expert | _____ | E. the first people to live in a certain place |
| 6. beaver | _____ | F. the customs and beliefs of a group of people |
| 7. log | _____ | G. when somebody sees something unusual |
| 8. culture | _____ | H. an imaginary creature with magic powers |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.

1. Last week, my friend claimed she won a million dollars!
2. _____ Canadians arrived in North America a very long time ago.
3. UFO _____ have been reported all over the world.
4. The _____ is an official symbol of Canada.
5. I'm studying the language and _____ of France at university.
6. Some people believe that fairies and _____ live in forests.
7. My uncle can fix your laptop. He's a computer _____.
8. Sometimes I can see _____ floating in the lake.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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Topic: Canada

The Ogopogo is a famous lake monster that people believe lives in Okanagan Lake in British Columbia, Canada. It comes from stories told by **Indigenous**¹ people who lived in the area long ago. They called the creature Naitaka, a powerful and sometimes scary water **spirit**² that lived in the lake. They thought Naitaka could create storms with its tail and that people needed to offer gifts for a safe trip across the lake.

The Ogopogo is usually described as a long, snake-like creature with dark skin, as thick as a telephone pole, and it can be very fast. Many people have **claimed**³ to see the Ogopogo, with some even taking pictures or videos of something big in the water. The first modern **sighting**⁴ was in 1872 by a woman named Susan Allison. One famous sighting happened in 1980 when 50 people watched the creature for about 45 minutes.



Experts⁵, however, think these sightings are probably mistakes. They believe people may have seen animals like **beavers**⁶, or even floating **logs**⁷, and thought it was the Ogopogo. Some scientists also suggest that strange weather might explain the stories. But even with these explanations, the Ogopogo is still a big part of local **culture**⁸, and many people enjoy sharing stories about it today.

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Listening and Spelling Practice

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- *Listen to the article and fill in each space with a missing vowel (a, e, i, o, u).*

The Ogopogo is a famous lake monster that people believe lives in Okanagan Lake in British Columbia, Canada. ___t c__m__s fr__m st__r____s t__ld by ___nd__g__n____s p____pl__ wh__ l__v__d ___n th__ __r____ l__ng __g__. Th__y c__ll__d th__ cr____t__r__ Naitaka, __ p__w__rf__l __nd s__m__t__m__s sc__ry w__t__r sp__r__t th__t l__v__d ___n th__ l__k__. Th__y th____ght Naitaka c____ld cr____t__ st__rms w__th __ts tail and that people needed to offer gifts for a safe trip across the lake.

The Ogopogo is usually described as a long, snake-like creature with dark skin, __s th__ck __s __ t__l__ph__n__ p__l__, __nd __t c__n b__ v__ry f__st. Many people have claimed to see the Ogopogo, with some even taking pictures or videos of something big in the water. The f__rst m__d__rn s__ght__ng w__s ___n 1872 by __ w__m__n n__m__d Susan Allison. __n__ f__m____s sighting happened in 1980 when 50 people watched the creature for about 45 minutes.

Experts, however, think these sightings are probably mistakes. They believe people m__y h__v__ s____n __n__m__ls l__k__ b____v__rs, __r __v__n fl____t__ng l__gs, __nd th____ght __t w__s th__ Ogopogo. S__m__ sc____nt__sts __ls__ s__gg__st th__t str__ng__ w____th__r m__ght __xpl____n the stories. But even with these explanations, th__ Ogopogo __s st____ll __ b__g p__rt __f l__c__l c__lt__r__, and many people enjoy sharing stories about it today.

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Grammar Practice

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- *Choose the best words to complete the sentences.*

The Ogopogo is a famous lake monster that people believe lives in Okanagan Lake in British Columbia, Canada. It comes from (1)_____ told by Indigenous people who lived in the area (2)_____ ago. They called the creature Naitaka, a powerful and sometimes (3)_____ water spirit that lived in the lake. They thought Naitaka could create storms with (4)_____ tail and that people needed to offer gifts for a safe trip across the lake.

The Ogopogo is usually described as (5)_____ a long, snake-like creature with dark skin, as thick (6)_____ telephone pole, and it can be very fast. Many people have claimed to see the Ogopogo, with some even taking pictures or videos of something big in the water. The first modern sighting (7)_____ in 1872 by a woman named Susan Allison. One famous sighting happened in 1980 when 50 people watched the creature (8)_____ about 45 minutes.

Experts, however, think these sightings are probably (9)_____. They believe people may have seen animals like beavers, or even floating (10)_____, and thought it was the Ogopogo. Some scientists also suggest that strange weather might explain the stories. But even with (11)_____ explanations, the Ogopogo is still a big part of local culture, and many people (12)_____ sharing stories about it today.

1.

- (A) stores
- (B) story
- (C) stories

2.

- (A) long
- (B) alone
- (C) along

3.

- (A) scarce
- (B) scared
- (C) scary

4.

- (A) its
- (B) it's
- (C) it

5.

- (A) alone
- (B) a long
- (C) long

6.

- (A) a
- (B) as
- (C) as a

7.

- (A) were
- (B) was
- (C) are

8.

- (A) four
- (B) fore
- (C) for

9.

- (A) mistakes
- (B) mistake
- (C) mistaken

10.

- (A) frogs
- (B) logs
- (C) bogs

11.

- (A) this
- (B) these
- (C) there

12.

- (A) enjoy
- (B) enjoys
- (C) enjoyed

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How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ Very few people in Canada know about Ogopogo.
2. _____ The Indigenous people believed that Ogopogo would offer them gifts.
3. _____ Many people who claim they saw Ogopogo say it looks like a large snake.
4. _____ In 1980, a group of 45 people say they watched Ogopogo for 50 minutes.
5. _____ It is possible Oopogo may really be another animal.
6. _____ It is possible Ogopogo may really be a kind of unusual weather.

Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. What three questions would you like to ask the people who claim to have seen Ogopogo?
2. Do you think Ogopogo may really be a lake monster? Why? / Why not?
3. What other strange animals have you heard about?

Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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Grammar Focus Mixed (present, past, and present perfect tenses)

Vocabulary 210 words

A1 words-61% / **A2** words-18% / **B1** words-8% / **B2** words-0%

Off-List-13%

Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

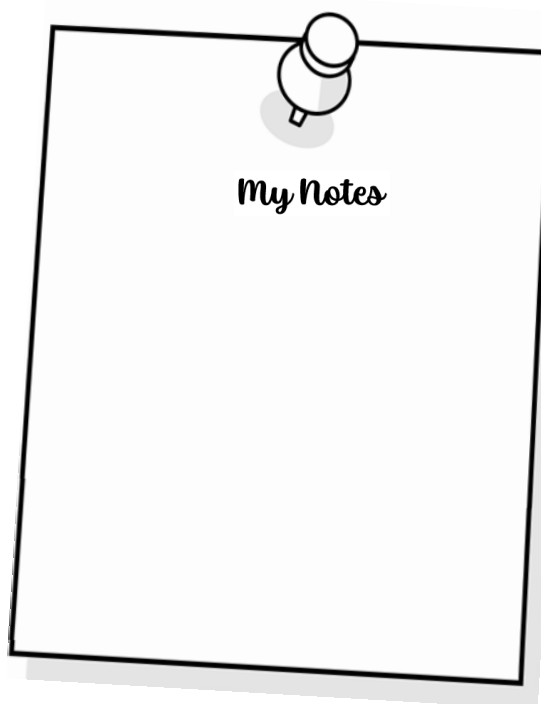


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ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary Preview**

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| 1. E | 1. claim ed |
| 2. H | 2. Indigenous |
| 3. A | 3. sighting s |
| 4. G | 4. beaver |
| 5. D | 5. culture |
| 6. B | 6. spirit s |
| 7. C | 7. expert |
| 8. F | 8. log s |



ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. C | 7. B |
| 2. A | 8. C |
| 3. C | 9. A |
| 4. A | 10. B |
| 5. B | 11. B |
| 6. C | 12. A |

ANSWER KEY Page 5

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

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|------|------|
| 1. F | 4. F |
| 2. F | 5. T |
| 3. T | 6. T |

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