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<i>Transcript</i>	<i>Vocabulary and grammar structures you should know. *= meaning used in the podcast if there is more than one meaning.</i>	<i>Collocations, idioms and other useful phrases.</i>
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Imagine standing on the misty shores of Loch Ness. The water is dark and endless, its surface rippling with mysterious waves. As you gaze out over the loch, you can't help but wonder, could something be lurking beneath those inky depths? Something ancient, something unknown.

Hello and welcome to the Scottish English Podcast. The show where we explore the fascinating world of Scottish history, culture, and accents.

If you're an English language learner, who's looking to improve their listening skills while learning all about the history of Scotland, you're in the right place.

I'm Claire, and today we are diving into one of Scotland's most famous mysteries, the Loch Ness monster. Is it real or is it just a myth? Where did the legend come from and why does it continue to capture our imagination? Let's find out.

Misty (adjective)

/'mɪsti/

- With a lot of mist*
- Not clear or bright

Ripple (verb)

/'rɪpl/

- to move or to make something move in very small waves*
- + **adv./prep.** (of a feeling, etc.) to spread through a person or a group of people like a wave

Gaze (verb)

/geɪz/

- to look steadily at somebody/something for a long time, either because you are very interested or surprised, or because you are thinking of something else

Lurk (verb)

/lɜːrk/

- + **adv./prep.** to wait somewhere secretly,

- Misty memories
- His eyes grew misty (=full of tears) as he talked

- A gasp rippled through the crowd

- Gaze into space (not paying attention)

<p>For centuries, Loch Ness remained an ordinary, though <u>undeniably</u> beautiful Scottish Lake.</p> <p>That changed in the early 20th century when a series of <u>supposed</u> sightings brought Nessie into the public eye.</p> <p>In 1933, a couple reported seeing a large creature trying to cross the road near the loch.</p> <p>Not long after, a famous photograph called the surgeon's photograph, was published, showing what appeared to be a long-necked creature rising from the water.</p> <p>For decades, this photo was considered the best evidence of Nessie's existence. However, in the 1990s it was revealed to be a <u>hoax</u>. The image was actually of a small model attached to a toy submarine.</p> <p>But by then the legend had taken on a life of its own.</p> <p>Why do people still believe?</p>	<p>Encounter (verb) /ɪn 'kaʊntə(r)/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encounter something to experience something, especially something unpleasant or difficult, while you are trying to do something else* - encounter somebody/something to meet somebody, or discover or experience something, especially somebody/something new, unusual or unexpected <p>Retreat (verb) /rɪ 'tri:t/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to move away from a place or an enemy because you are in danger or because you have been defeated - to move away or back* - + adv./prep. to escape to a place that is quieter or safer - + adv./prep. to change your mind about something because of criticism or because a situation has become too difficult <p>Undeniably (adverb) / ,ʌndɪ 'naɪəbli/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in a way that is true or certain and cannot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retreat from something - The flood waters slowly retreated
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<p>Even though there's no concrete proof of Nessie's existence, the mystery still lives on.</p> <p>But why? There are a few possible reasons, number one.</p> <p>Human imagination and folklore.</p> <p>People love a good mystery and the idea that a prehistoric creature could be in the deep waters of Loch Ness is just thrilling.</p> <p>Loch Ness itself.</p> <p>The loch is vast, deep, and dark, making it the ideal spot for a mystery monster. Scientists have <u>mapped</u> its depths using sonar but the possibility, however slim, that something unknown is down there, keeps the legend alive.</p> <p>Tourism and economy.</p> <p>The Loch Ness monster has become a major attraction, drawing thousands of visitors every year. Local businesses from boat tours to</p>	<p>be denied</p> <p>Supposed (adjective) /sə' pəʊzd/ OR /sə' pəʊzɪd/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - used to show that you think that a claim, statement or way of describing somebody/something is not true or correct, although it is generally believed to be <p>Hoax (noun) /həʊks/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an act intended to make somebody believe something that is not true, especially something unpleasant <p>Map (verb) /mæp/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - map something to make a map of an area* - map something to discover or give information about something, especially the way it is arranged or organized 	
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<p>souvenir shops, all benefit from the continued belief in Nessie.</p> <p>Scientific investigations.</p> <p>Over the years, various scientific expeditions have tried to find evidence of the Loch Ness monster. Sonar scans and underwater cameras have detected strange movements, but nothing that confirms the existence of a giant creature.</p> <p>In 2019, researchers conducted a large DNA study of Loch Ness, but found no traces of any unknown species. The most likely explanation? Some sightings may have been large fish, floating logs, or even waves caused by boats.</p> <p>But despite the lack of proof, the legend <u>endures</u>.</p> <p>So, is the Loch Ness monster real? Scientifically speaking, probably not, but as a cultural <u>icon</u>, Nessie is very much alive. The mystery keeps people talking, visiting Scotland and wondering what if?</p>	<p>Endure (verb) /ɪn 'dʒʊə(r)/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to experience and deal with something that is painful or unpleasant without giving up - to continue to exist for a long time* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A success that will endure - Endure doing something - Endure to do something - A feminist icon
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<p>Whether you believe it or not, Nessie has secured her place in Scotland's folklore and in the heart of people all around the world.</p> <p>That's all for today's episode of the Scottish English Podcast. If you enjoyed this one, don't forget to subscribe and share this episode with your friends.</p> <p>And if you ever visit Loch Ness, keep your eyes on the water. You never know what you might see. Over the next couple of episodes, I will be exploring some of Scotland's other myths and legends. Drop me a comment to guess which ones.</p> <p>Thanks for listening. See you later, pals.</p>	<p>Icon (noun) /'aɪkɒn/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a small symbol on a computer or smartphone screen that represents a program or a file - a famous person or thing that people admire and see as a symbol of a particular idea, way of life, etc.* - a painting or statue of a holy person that is also thought of as a holy object 	
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