

Section 5

Nessie Neighbours

Very Small Animals

Billions of millions living in freshwater !



1. These are strange looking, microscopic (very tiny) animals and plants that live in Loch Ness. How do we know they live there?

- a) We see them swimming?
- b) We see them using a microscope?
- c) We see them at night?

2. Do you think these animals are Loch Ness Monsters? If you think YES - give your main reason If you think NO - give your main reason

Write your answers on a separate sheet.

Medium Animals

Living in, or very close to the water. Thousands of fish, birds and small mammals up to one metre long.



3. Some animals fear humans so they hide, others are few in number and some are only temporary visitors to Loch Ness.

How could we find out whether animals are shy, rare or temporary visitors? Would you...

- a) Photograph and count them? OR
- b) Trap and weigh them? OR
- c) Note habitat, behaviour and numbers?

Give your reasons.

4. Some animals live underwater and are difficult to see.

Choose 3 good ways to see fish underwater without hurting them. Would you use these or other ways?

- Sonar Beam
- Microscope
- Nets
- Submarine
- Underwater Camera
- Search Light
- Your idea?

Large Animals



Deer are land animals but they can swim.

Seals usually live in seawater but sometimes they stray into freshwater. Sometimes they come out on shore. Both animals are occasionally seen in Loch Ness.

5. If there was another large animal in Loch Ness, rarely seen and not always recognised.... What would it have to be like to survive?

- a) Mammal
- b) Fish
- c) Insect
- d) Bird
- e) Reptile
- f) Something else!

6. Why have you chosen that animal?