

# THE LOCH NESS MONSTER



- 1 Loch Ness is a big lake in Scotland. It is very deep. It has more fresh water than all of the lakes in England and Wales put together. Many people think there is a monster in Loch Ness. This monster is called the Loch Ness Monster, or “Nessie” for short.
- 2 In 1934, a doctor took a picture he said was of a monster he had seen in Loch Ness. Since then, many more people have said they have seen a monster in the lake. Some of them have photos they say are of this monster.
- 3 Many people think that these pictures are not real. They think that Nessie is a hoax. Others think that people are really seeing bubbles or waves in the water, not a monster. Some have tried to search for Nessie with boats, radar, and cameras. None of these searches have found a monster.
- 4 No one knows for sure if there is a Loch Ness monster. What do you think?

# Questions

1. The word **hoax** in Paragraph 3 means:

- (a) a photo that was taken long ago.
- (b) a trick to make people think something is real.
- (c) a sea monster.

2. Loch Ness is a lake that is very:

- (a) shallow.
- (b) dark.
- (c) deep.

3. Paragraph 1 is mainly about:

- (a) the Loch Ness Monster.
- (b) pictures of the monster.
- (c) Loch Ness.

4. If there was a monster in the lake, what might it eat?

- (a) fish
- (b) hamburgers
- (c) seaweed

5. The author wrote this to:

- (a) make people believe in Nessie.
- (b) give information about a possible monster in Loch Ness.
- (c) tell readers that the Loch Ness monster is a hoax.

6. In Paragraph 3, **they** refers to:

- (a) pictures.
- (b) many people.
- (c) monsters.



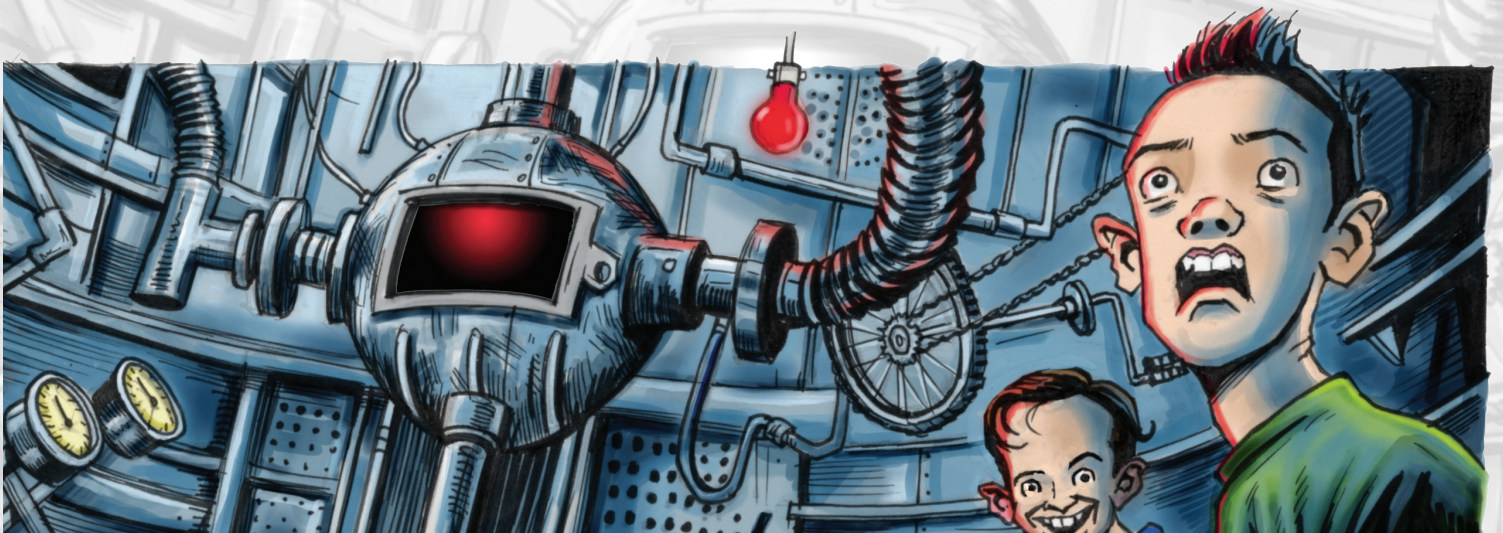
## SOMETHING EXTRA

- ★ Draw what you think Nessie might look like.
- ★ Write what you would do if you saw the Loch Ness Monster.



## Time Machine

- 1** My brother, Dexter, had always been a bit odd. He collected all sorts of junk. He then made things with it in Dad's shed. He never played outside or watched TV.
- 2** One day, I was on the computer when Dexter ran into the room.
- 3** "I've done it!" he shouted.
- 4** "Done what?" I asked.
- 5** "Finished my time machine! Come on!"
- 6** I followed him to the shed. Inside was a big metal thing with wires. It had a door, which was open.
- 7** "That's it?" I asked, having a closer look.
- 8** "Yes, yes, my time machine . . . it's ready to be tested!" he said.
- 9** "What do you mean, tested?" I asked. "How can it be finished if you don't even know if it works yet?"
- 10** My brother frowned and moved towards me. "Oh, I think it works . . . I just need to do one last thing!" He grabbed me and pushed me inside the machine.
- 11** "Hey!" I yelled. But it was too late. The door slammed shut. There was a loud buzzing sound and a big bump, then everything went black . . .





- 1.** If time machines were real, they could:
- (a) take people into the past or the future.
  - (b) fix clocks and watches.
  - (c) be good for playing sports.

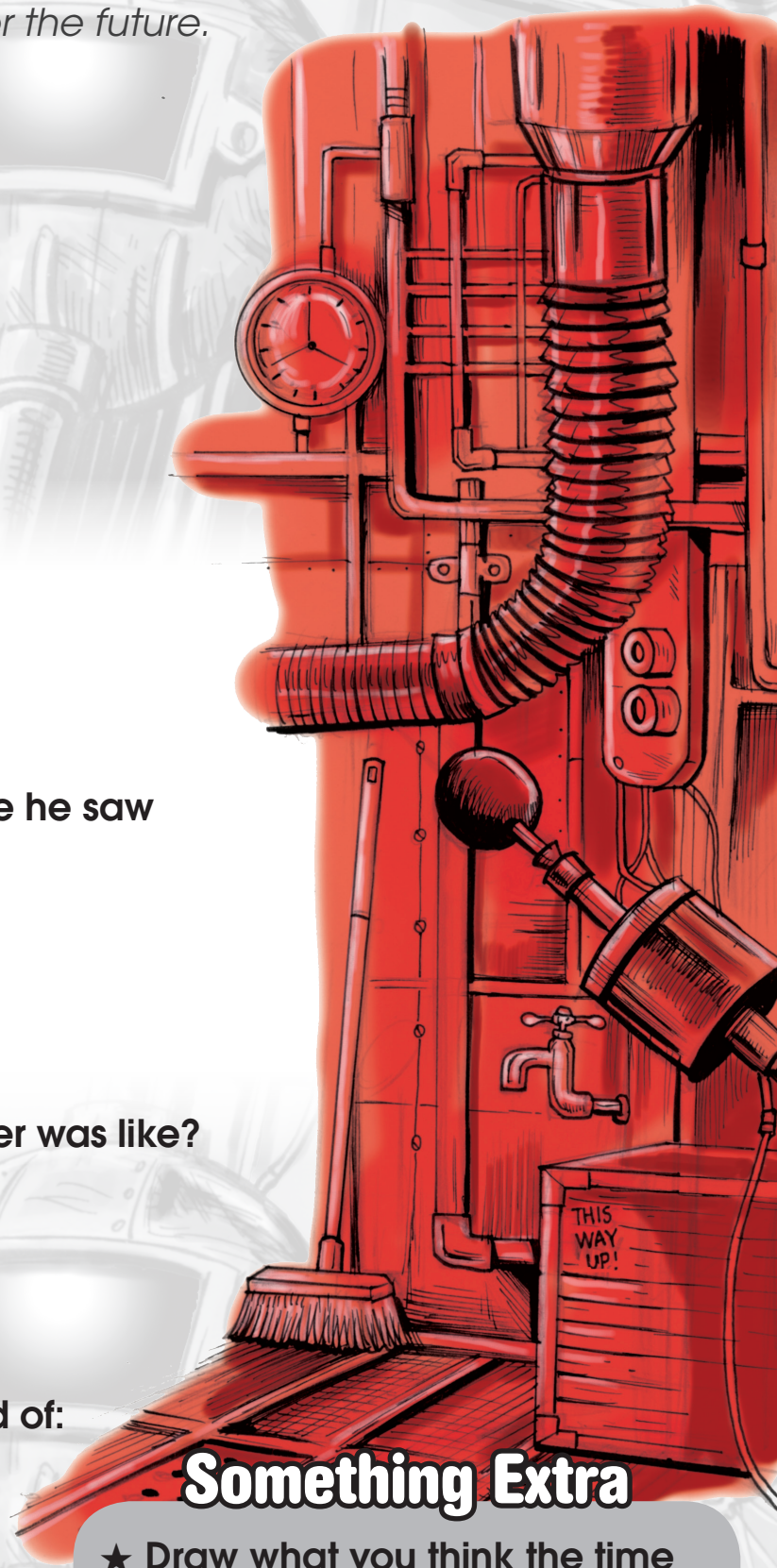
- 2.** The time machine was made of:
- (a) wires and doors.
  - (b) metal and wires.
  - (c) metal and wood.

- 3.** Who made the time machine?
- (a) the writer
  - (b) the writer's dad
  - (c) the writer's brother

- 4.** What was the writer doing before he saw the time machine?
- (a) playing outside
  - (b) playing on the computer
  - (c) watching TV inside

- 5.** Which words best tell what Dexter was like?
- (a) gentle and nice
  - (b) clever but mean
  - (c) sporty and nasty

- 6.** In Paragraph 1, *it* is used instead of:
- (a) the junk.
  - (b) the machine.
  - (c) the shed.



## Something Extra

- ★ Draw what you think the time machine looked like. Label it.
- ★ Continue the story and write what you think happened next.