

Key Stage 1-2

SSSNNNWHUFFFFLL?

What message is Nessie trying to send us?

The Loch Ness Monster's Song

Sssnnwhuffffll?
Hnwhuffl hhnwfl hnfl hfl?
Gdroblboblhobngbl gbl gl g g g g glbgl.
Drublhaflablhaflubhafgabhaflhafl fl fl –
gm grawwww grf grawf awfgm graw gm.
Hovoplodok – doplodovok – plovodokot-doplodo-
kosh?
Splgraw fok fok splgrafhatchgabrlgabrl fok splfok!
Zgra kra gka fok!
Grof grawff gahf?
Gombl mbl bl –
blm plm,
blm plm,
blm plm,
blp.

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Look at *The Loch Ness Monster's Song* and discuss these questions with your group.

How does the poem look?

Is it easy to read and understand its message?

Why or why not?

What would the monster's voice sound like?

In groups, practise reading the poem aloud. It might feel odd but don't be shy.

Be the monster: give it a voice – you can be loud or growly, friendly or scary!

When we speak different languages, it is tricky, but also important, to try to understand each other. Humans aren't fluent in Monster but saying and hearing the monster's sounds can give us clues to its message.

In your group, work out what the monster is saying.

Is it lonely or hungry?

Or maybe it's singing a love song – you decide.

Then translate its song into English and write it down.