Travel to Loch Ness and you'll find a long lake that looks much like many others in Scotland. The hills around it are very nice, but no more beautiful than the hills around many other Scottish lochs. And yet Loch Ness is one of the most famous lakes in the world.

Loch Ness is 37 km long, so it is smaller than Loch Lomond with its 39 km. What is special about Loch Ness is how deep it is: about 132 metres, this is a British record. But is it deep enough for a monster?

It is, of course, the stories of the monster that have made Loch Ness a very popular place in Scotland. The shops, Monster Centres, cafes, campsites and hotels all exist thanks to the monster. But does the monster really exist? Many people say that they have seen it:

→ In January 1934 Mr Grant was on his motorbike near Loch Ness. He almost had an accident because the monster was on the road next to the lake. A very large animal that was not a horse or a cow crossed the road and went into the water. It all happened so quickly that Mr Grant couldn’t take a photo.

→ In July 1963 Mr MacIntyre and Mr Campbell were in a small boat on Loch Ness. They saw a very big animal in the lake. It looked bigger than a cow, and it looked at them with big eyes. The two men were very surprised and scared. But they didn’t have a camera, so they could not take a photo.

→ In 1972 American scientists were very interested in the stories of the monster. They used underwater cameras, and they took three photos of an animal with a neck¹ like a giraffe’s. Was it the monster? Well, perhaps …

In July 2003 the BBC visited Loch Ness with modern technology. They went through the lake many times, but they didn’t find any signs of the monster. The BBC team said that there was no monster, and that the reason for the stories was that people see what they want to see. To show that they were right, they put a piece of wood in the water and moved it when a group of tourists came to the lake. Later they asked the tourists what they had seen. Most tourists said they had seen some wood, but some of them said they had seen a monster.

But people still like to be careful, so in a triathlon² in July 2005 the hundred swimmers were insured³ for £1 million against the monster! Luckily, the monster was sleeping on that day …

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¹ neck Hals
² triathlon Triathlon (Sportwettbewerb mit Schwimmen, Radfahren, Laufen)
³ insured versichert
a) Are the sentences true, false or not in the text? Tick (✓) the boxes.

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<td>Loch Ness is the biggest lake in Britain.</td>
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b) Write down the complete sentence from the text. There is one example.

Which sentence tells you that …

0 Loch Ness doesn’t look very different from other Scottish lakes?

*Travel to Loch Ness and you’ll find a long lake that looks much like many others in Scotland.*

1 Loch Ness is the deepest lake in Britain?

____________________________________________________________________________________

2 Many people come to Loch Ness because of the monster?

____________________________________________________________________________________

3 Mr Grant didn’t take a photo because the animal was too fast?

____________________________________________________________________________________
6 WRITING Learning English in Scotland

You are planning to spend two weeks in Scotland to improve your English. The “School of English” has language schools in different places in Scotland. You want to do one of their courses in the summer holidays. Fill in their form below.

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9 Every student will stay with a host family that lives near the language school. Help us find the right host family for you. Please write down:

- where you want to stay (in the city or in the country) and why.
- what your hobbies are.

Write a text of about 50 words. (8 P)

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SEE SCOTLAND FROM THE SEA

If you are 15–24 and you want to have a holiday on the sea, you could become part of our 12 person team and join us on a boat tour around Scotland.

Our tours are five to seven days long.
You don’t need any special equipment.
Just bring a sleeping bag and warm clothes.
Everything else is on the boat.

You will sleep and eat on the boat.
There are chores to do on the boat, but there’s also enough time to relax.

Enjoy Scotland from the sea!

For more information visit: www.scotlandbyboat.example.com

Lina: Wie alt muss man für die Ferien auf dem Boot sein?

Du: (1)

Lina: Wie lange dauern die Bootstouren?

Du: (2)

Lina: Muss man etwas zum Segeln mitbringen?

Du: (3)

Lina: Wo wird gegessen?

Du: (4)

Lina: Wo kann ich mehr darüber erfahren?

Du: (5)
8 SKILLS  Understanding texts

a) Skim the text.

1. **Shetland is special**

   Hi, my name is Connor. In this article, I want to tell you about my school trip to Shetland. I stayed with a family for two weeks. Before that, I didn’t know much about Shetland. But now I can say that it is special in so many ways!

   Lerwick is the capital of Shetland. Only 7,500 people live in Lerwick, and 23,200 people live all over Shetland. It’s like an island village!

   This is very different from Edinburgh, and on some days, I missed the city life. The funny thing is that there are more sheep than people in Shetland – about 280,000!

   The Shetland Islands, that means more than 100 islands, but people live only on 16 of them. Ferries are very important here, to get from one island to the other. But there are also bridges between some of the islands. You can travel to a lot of places by bus, but in some areas, there are only one or two bus services a day. In Edinburgh, I can take the bus at any time, so it is much easier to meet with friends.

   Did you know that one of Shetland’s most famous places is a bus shelter? It’s on the island of Unst and the funniest bus shelter I have ever seen. Many tourists come to see it, too. Every year, it looks different. It even has its own website.

   The Shetland Islands are very close to Norway. For example, the capital of Norway, Oslo, is only 650 km away. From Shetland to London, it’s 957 km!

   I really enjoyed my stay in Lerwick. My host family was very friendly, and they showed me a lot of great places in Shetland. You can write to Mrs O’Brien and sign up for next year’s trip, if you’re interested.

   See you, Connor

1. **bus shelter: Warteplätze**
2. **host family: Gastfamilie**

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b) Write short answers to explain the numbers.

1. 7,500

2. 280,000

3. 650

c) Which words in the text tell you that …

1. many tourists want to see the famous bus shelter.

2. Norway is not very far away.

3. Connor liked his stay in Shetland.
9 WORDS  What's the right word?

a) Read the sentences and find the right words from the box. There are two more words than you need.

castle • driving licence • narrow • kettle • knife • meal • diary • unemployed

1 Streets that are too small for busses or lorries are often very ...

2 It's a very old building with big walls and a tower.

3 Someone who doesn't have a job is …

4 A special notebook that you can use to write down personal thoughts.

5 You need it to drive a car.

6 It's a thing in the kitchen that you need to make tea or coffee.

b) Match the definitions (A–F) with the right word (1–4). There are two more definitions than you need.

A A building where only some parts are left.
B Many trees that stand together.
C People wear this when it is cold outside.
D It’s a famous instrument from Scotland.
E If something looks really nice, it's …
F You often find this in bathrooms and you can see yourself in it.

1 bagpipe
2 wood
3 beautiful
4 ruin
10 LANGUAGE  The garden party
Sherlock and his friends are planning a garden party. They still need lots of things. Read the sentences and complete them with the right form of the verbs in the box. Use the will-future. You can use some of the words more than once.

buy • get • bring • tell • ask • make

Sherlock: OK, guys. We still need lots of things for the party on Saturday. Who wants to do what?

Tally: I (1) __________________________ cross the burgers for the barbecue.

Ruby: And I (2) __________________________ my grandparents to lend us their garden chairs.

Sherlock: OK, great. What about crisps and sweets?

Alfie: I (3) __________________________ some crisps.

Ruby: And I (4) __________________________ some sweets. … Hm, what about drinks?

Sherlock: I (5) __________________________ lots of orange juice.

Tally: And I (6) __________________________ some bottles of cola.

Alfie: Can we have some music?

Sherlock: Hmm … I (7) __________________________ my parents.

Tally: Sherlock, do your neighbours know about the party?

Sherlock: No, but I (8) __________________________ them this evening.
After the garden party
Sherlock’s garden party is over, and his friends are getting ready to go home. But a lot of their things are mixed up. Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

| mine • yours • his • hers • theirs • ours |

Sherlock: OK, guys. Thank you for coming. Before you go, look at these things and take them with you.

Tally: Thanks, Sherlock. The jacket is definitely (1) _________________.

Ruby: And I think the pullover is (2) _________________, Alfie.

Alfie: Yes, it is. Thank you. What about the biscuits?

Tally and Ruby: They're (3) _________________.

Sherlock: Here’s a pair of sunglasses. I think Tally brought them. They must be (4) _______.

Ruby: Alfie also brought his sunglasses. So they could be (5) _________________.

Tally: Sherlock, what about the camera?

Sherlock: I borrowed it from my parents, so it’s (6) _________________.
Tomorrow the weather (1) ____________ be very nice in Britain.

It (2) ____________ be very cold for this time of the year, and we (3) ____________ get a lot of rain in most places.

In Scotland, it (4) ____________ rain all day, and it (5) ____________ be cooler than in the other parts of Britain with only 2 °C in the Highlands.

Devon and Cornwall (6) ____________ the only regions where we (7) ____________ see the sun for some time. With 8 °C, the southwest (8) ____________ also be the warmest part of Britain.
A weekend trip
Sarah, Jessica and their dad went on a weekend trip to Scotland. Sarah took lots of photos. Now she wants to describe them.

Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the words from the box.

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<td>One day we went for a walk in the Highlands. I planned the tour _______.</td>
<td>Dad cooked for us, but he cut _______.</td>
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<td>Dad was really angry when we didn’t like the food. He said, “Why don’t you cook for _______?”</td>
<td>The day at the lake was great fun. I caught a fish all by _______!</td>
<td>Jessica’s bag fell into the water. She pulled it out _______.</td>
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2. Schreibe die Vokabel auf der Seite 167 in dein Vokabelheft und lerne sie!