

HOME LEARNING

English Home Learning Pack 13 – Year 9

Spoken Language – Task One

For this week's speaking and listening activity, you will be discussing the abominable snowman or yeti. Have a discussion with a friend or family member using the following questions and information to guide your discussion.

- What do you know about the abominable snowman or yeti?
- Where do you think they live?
- What do they look like?
- Do you think they are dangerous to humans?
- What famous versions of the creature are you aware of?
- Do you believe they exist? Why? Why not? Try to explain your answer.

Reading

Read the following information and answer the questions below in full sentences.

Yeti - Hairy, humanoid creature of the snowy Himalayas

The Yeti is one of the best-known legendary creatures, yet also one of the most mysterious. A tall, strong, shaggy-haired, human-shaped beast, it's said to live on the snowy slopes of the Himalayan mountains in central Asia.

The Yeti is found in ancient folk tales, and reported sightings of it date back more than a thousand years. Some local legends describe it as a dangerous monster that eats humans, with anyone who sees it becoming weak and helpless. Others say it's a helpful spirit, who guards the mountains, scaring away evil with its glowing eyes and bloodcurdling shriek.

Many explorers have journeyed to the Himalayas in search of the Yeti. Some have claimed to see it for themselves. Others have found giant footprints, or seen skulls, fur or even droppings said to be the Yeti's.

Some think the Yeti is really a type of bear. Bears can have very big feet, and some are known to stand upright on their hind legs like a human. Or it might be a type of giant ape, long thought to be extinct, but surviving in the remote mountains. The high Himalayas are so hard to explore that we may never truly know if the Yeti is really out there.

Questions:

1. How is the yeti described in the article?

2. Where are they thought to live?
3. How long ago was the first sighting?
4. How do local legends describe the creature?
5. What happens to humans if they see it?
6. What can the yeti do to 'scare away evil'?
7. What evidence have people been able to find for it's existence?
8. What might they be confused with and why?
9. What makes the creature hard to find?

Writing

For your writing task, you have two options.

- Option one is to write a description of the yeti pictured below.

Use CAMPERS to bring your description to life.

Colours – Adjectives – Metaphors - Personification – Emotive Language – Range of verbs – Similes and Senses

- Option two is to write a short story, explaining what is happening in the image below.

