

Is There a Bigfoot?

Review Key Words¹

- evidence** Evidence is information that helps you believe something.
- creature** A creature is a living animal or person.
- fascinated** Fascinated means very interested and curious to know more about something.
- exists** Exists means is real or is alive.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

6 Many people say they have seen
 13 Bigfoot, a **cross** between an ape-like
 20 animal and a human. Some report its
 27 loud cry. Others report its strong smell.
 34 Some people say Bigfoot is playful, but
 41 others say Bigfoot can be mean when
 49 **bothered**. There is no Bigfoot in a zoo.
 55 But some people claim that giant
 61 footprints in the mountains are **evidence**
 68 the **creature exists**. Still, no one has
 75 **absolute proof** it exists. All we know
 83 for sure is that people tell stories about
 84 Bigfoot.

84 One story is about a man who was
 92 hiking in the mountains in Canada. On
 99 his hike, he saw a huge creature. The

107 creature walked on two legs like a
 114 human, but it was covered in dark
 121 brown hair like a bear. The man hid in
 130 the bushes, **fascinated**. He watched as
 136 the creature **stripped** leaves off
 141 branches with its teeth. As it walked
 148 away, it made a **high-pitched whinny**.

155 The man wondered what he had
 161 seen. He felt certain it was not a bear.
 170 Was it a person dressed in costume for a
 179 movie? The man looked for evidence of
 186 a **film** being made, but he found
 193 nothing. Plus, the creature had seemed
 199 too much like a wild animal. Had he
 207 seen Bigfoot?
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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Hiking in the mountains is a good way to find out whether or not Bigfoot is real.
 - b. Some people say Bigfoot is playful, but others say Bigfoot can be mean when bothered.
 - c. Many people say they have seen Bigfoot, but there is no absolute proof the creature exists.
2. What do we know for sure about Bigfoot?
 - a. Bigfoot leaves footprints
 - b. Bigfoot is playful.
 - c. People tell stories about Bigfoot.
3. What does the word **cross** mean in this story?
 - a. a mixture
 - b. crabby
 - c. an X
4. Why isn't there a Bigfoot in any zoo?
 - a. Bigfoot may not be a real animal.
 - b. Bigfoot is too scary to catch.
 - c. Bigfoot can only live in the mountains.
5. Why did the man look for evidence of a film being made?

6. A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Match each word with its synonym.
 1. film
 2. stripped
 3. absolute
 4. bothered
 - a. ___ removed
 - b. ___ disturbed
 - c. ___ movie
 - d. ___ certain

Parent Tips

Although some readers may recognize words automatically on a list, they may not be able to read the same words in sentences. So, instant word recognition isn't enough to guarantee adequate reading fluency. It is important for students to practice fluency as they read a longer text.