

News of the Week

Mystery of Strange Beast Continues

On 4th October 2011 the BBC reported that a team of Russian and American scientists would set off on an expedition to try to solve the mystery of the so called 'Abominable Snowman'.

It follows a rise in Yeti (another name given to this creature) sightings in the Kemerovo region, which is 3000 miles east of Moscow. Previous sightings have been in the mountains of the Himalayas.

Sightings of this unknown creature go back as far as 1832. Some say it is over three metres tall, is covered in white fur and walks upright like a human being or a great ape. Other descriptions tell of it being about two metres tall with a human face, an ape-like body and covered with long reddish brown hair.

Local legends tell of a fearsome, savage beast with a high-pitched whistling scream, which has a vile pungent odour. Some say it has feet that point backwards and supernatural powers.

It is said to prowl by night and leave huge footprints in the



snow. In 1992 a climbing expedition led by the famous climber Reinhold Messner, discovered giant footprints in and around their camp when they awoke in the morning. As they were high in the mountains in an area very few people pass through, they concluded the tracks belonged to an unknown primate yet to be discovered by science.

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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

A team of scientists are trying to solve the mystery of the

- 1 **Loch Ness Monster.** **Big Foot.**
Frankenstein Monster. **Abominable Snowman.**

This follows a rise in sightings

- 2 **1000** **2000** **3000** **4000**

miles east of Moscow. Some say it is covered in

- 3 **white** **brown** **grey** **red**

fur. Others say it has long reddish

- 4 **white** **brown** **grey** **red**

hair. Some say it has feet that point

- 5 **forwards.** **backwards.** **to the left.** **to the right.**

A famous climber discovered giant

- 6 **paw prints** **footprints** **tracks** **steps**

in and around his camp when he awoke in the morning.

Section B

- 1 Complete the table below:

The year BBC report scientists look for Abominable Snowman:	
The year sightings of creature go back to:	
The year a climber discovered footprints in his camp:	

- 2 Which mystery were the scientists trying to solve?

- 3 Where had people claimed they had seen the 'Yeti'?

- 4 Why do you think people could not agree what this creature looked like?

- 5 What do you understand by the phrase 'vile pungent odour'?

- 6 How do you think Reinhold Messner felt when he discovered 'giant footprints' outside his tent?

Section C

Write a report about an 'imaginary monster' being seen in your area.

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Section A

- 1) Abominable Snowman.
- 2) 3000
- 3) white
- 4) brown
- 5) backwards.
- 6) footprints

Section B

- 1)

The year BBC report scientists look for Abominable Snowman:	2011
The year sightings of creature go back to:	1832
The year a climber discovered footprints in his camp:	1992
- 2) The mystery of the 'Abominable Snowman'
- 3) The Kemerovo region and The Himalayas.
- 4) There may be more than one/ people may be confused about what they have seen/ they may be exaggerating.
- 5) A very unpleasant, strong smell.
- 6) Open ended. Accept frightened, nervous or other emotion with supporting statement.