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Beyond the Shadows

🔮 B1 Level

🔮 Duration: 1 h

🔮 Group lesson

🔮 Age: adults/teens

🔮 Lesson goals

Can define the features of something concrete for which he/she can't remember the word.

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Reading

Exercise 1. Read the text. Match the descriptions of monsters with their images. What's the coolest creature and why?

There are many scary mystical creatures from all over the world that people have talked about for centuries. One of these creatures is the werewolf, which is a human that can turn into a wolf during a full moon. The origin of this creature comes from European folklore and has been featured in many books and movies. The Kappa is another scary creature from Japan. It's a water spirit that lives in rivers and ponds. It has a beak-like mouth and a shell on its back. The Kappa is known for dragging people into the water and drowning them.

The third creature is the Chupacabra, which is a creature that attacks and kills livestock in South America. Its name means "goat sucker" because it is known to suck the blood out of goats. There are many different stories about where this creature came from, but nobody knows for sure.

The kraken is a sea monster that is believed to live in the deep ocean. It's said that this creature can sink ships with its massive tentacles. The origin of this creature is from Scandinavian folklore and has been around since the 13th century.

These creatures, whether real or not, have been part of our cultures and folklore for many years. Their scary stories continue to amaze and frighten us. Despite this, they remind us of the power and mysteries of the world around us.



Exercise 2. Divide the facts from the text into four tables:

Werewolf	Kappa

Chupakabra	Kraken

sucks the blood out of goats

has huge tentacles

lives in rivers and ponds

a human that can turn into a wolf

comes from Japan

can sink ships

has a beak-like mouth and a shell on its back

originates from Scandinavian folklore

drags people into the water and drowns them

attacks and kills livestock

turns into another creature during a full moon

lives in the deep ocean

lives in South America

comes from European folklore

a water spirit

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Vocabulary

Exercise 3. In the text, find the words matching the following definitions:

1

to originate/be born in a particular place or thing

2

to damage a boat or ship so that it goes below the surface of the sea

3

to hold somebody/something and pull them

4

to transform or change from one form or state to another

5

a ghost

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the traditions and stories of a country or community

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to be alive or present

8

to take blood into one's mouth out of a living creature

9

to kill somebody by holding them underwater

10

a long, thin part of the body of some creatures used for holding things and for moving

11

to try to hurt or kill somebody

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Speaking

Exercise 4. In groups, brainstorm all the mystical creatures that you know and make a list of them. Then share with the group and listen to others. Write down the names of the creatures that are not mentioned on your list.

Exercise 5. Work in pairs. Take a piece of paper with the name of a scary creature and describe it to your partner. Try to describe as many as possible in 90 seconds and then switch roles. Use these phrases for help.

It looks like...

It lives...

It comes from...

It's been around for/since...

It is known for...

It's said that this creature can...



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Homework

Imagine you are a journalist writing an article about a monster from the past. Describe the creature's appearance and what it could do. Share a short story about people meeting this creature. Use the target vocabulary of the lesson (Exercise 3). Your article should be approximately 10 sentences long.



Correct answers

Exercise 1.

Made in the “Create a text” tool.

Exercise 2.

Correct answers:

Werewolf:

- a human that can turn into a wolf;
- comes from European folklore;
- turns into another creature during a full moon.

Kappa:

- lives in rivers and ponds;
- comes from Japan;
- has a beak-like mouth and a shell on its back;
- drags people into the water and drowns them;
- a water spirit.

Chupakabra:

- sucks the blood out of goats;
- attacks and kills livestock;
- lives in South America.

Kraken:

- has huge tentacles;
- can sink ships;
- originates from Scandinavian folklore;
- lives in the deep ocean.

Exercise 3.

Created in the “Word-Definition Matching” tool.

Correct answers:

1. to come from;
2. to sink;
3. to drag;
4. to turn into;
5. a spirit;
6. folklore;
7. to be around;
8. to suck blood out of;
9. to drown;
10. tentacles;
11. to attack.

Exercise 4.



Teacher tip

When checking the task write all the names on the board. If you want to help your students come up with more names, prepare some clues (first letter of the name, picture with the part of the creatures body)

Possible answers:

dragon, zombie, witch, demon, monster, mummy, goblin, troll, phoenix, centaur, unicorn, ogre, fairy, mermaid

Exercise 5

The idea was generated in the “Lead-in” tool.



Teacher tip

Prepare cards with the names of different creatures. Refer to the last page in this document.

Exercise 6

Made in the “Creative writing” tool.

Printable activities

dragon

zombie

witch

demon

mummy

goblin

mermaid

fairy

troll

centaur

unicorn

ogre