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Unit 14 - Lesson 1 - Folklore

Vocabulary







elusive: (adj) difficult to find, catch, or achieve





The famous criminal was **elusive**, always managing to evade the police.



folklore: (n) stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth

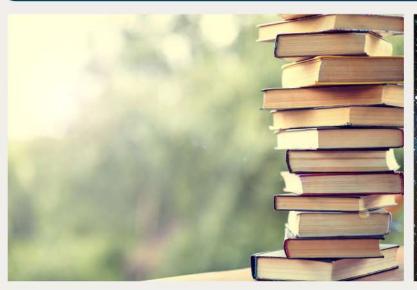




The boy sat around the fire, listening to his grandfather share ancient folklore.



countless: (adj) too many to be counted; very many





She had read **countless** books on the subject but still felt there was more to learn.



culprit: (n) a person who is responsible for a crime or other misdeed





The cat was the usual **culprit** when anything got knocked over in the house.

Let's Read!











Have you ever thought about what it'd be like to stumble upon an <u>elusive</u> creature in the woods that most people only talk about in hushed whispers? No, we're not talking about a magical unicorn or a mischievous forest elf, but a being much hairier and taller: Bigfoot!





Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, is a fascinating figure from North American folklore. The word Sasquatch comes from a Native American language, meaning "wild man." Imagine a creature standing over nine feet tall (2.74 m), weighing around 500 pounds (229 kg), with feet bigger than a professional basketball player's. Yep, you're picturing it right; Bigfoot is a bit of a big deal!

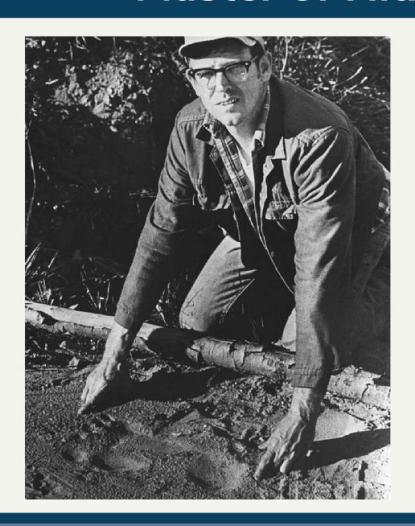
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The first reported sighting of Bigfoot happened over 200 years ago, with **countless** more since then. It's interesting to note that most sightings have happened in the Pacific Northwest, particularly in the dense, mysterious forests of Oregon and Washington. The name "Bigfoot" came about in 1958 when a Californian man found giant footprints around his construction site. He had no doubt; Bigfoot was the **culprit**!









Imagine, if you will, being that construction worker. You've just finished your lunch, you head back to work, and then you see these gigantic footprints that look like they belong to a human, but they're way too big! This was the moment when the legend of Bigfoot, a master at playing hide-and-seek, took a firm hold in popular imagination.







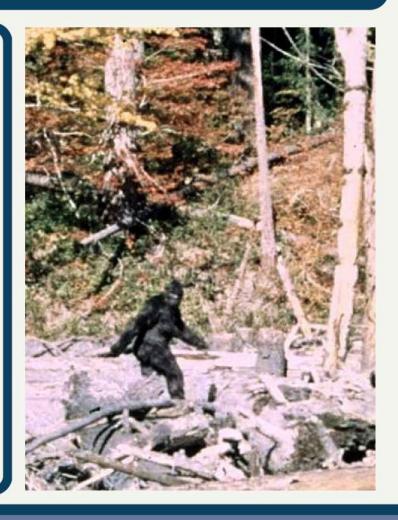


Some people say they've heard Bigfoot too, describing its voice as a deep, rumbling growl that echoes through the silent forest, raising goosebumps on their skin. However, despite all these reports of sightings and sounds, no one has managed to get a clear photo or video of Bigfoot. The creature remains as elusive as ever.

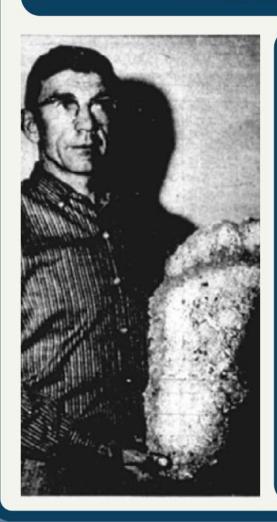
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The Enigmatic Legend of Bigfoot: Master of Hide and Seek

In 1967, friends Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin ventured into Northern California's wilderness. eager to prove Bigfoot's existence. Their adventure became legendary when they captured a brief film of a large, hairy figure at Bluff Creek. This footage, known as the Patterson-Gimlin film, shows a tall creature that aligns with Bigfoot descriptions. Though it stirs debate on its authenticity, the film remains a significant highlight in Bigfoot lore.







Despite the lack of definitive proof, belief in Bigfoot's existence persists. Many people firmly believe they've seen or interacted with him. Then, of course, there are those who dismiss Bigfoot as just a figment of imagination, a product of folklore. The debate continues to rage on.

So, why does Bigfoot fascinate us so much? Maybe it's the mystery that surrounds him, the thrill of the unknown. Or perhaps it's the idea that we might not be the only bigfooted creatures roaming this Earth. It makes our planet seem a little more magical, a tad more mysterious.

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So next time you're in a dense, woodland area, keep your eyes peeled for a giant, hairy creature casually strolling between the trees. And if you do see one, try to snap a clear photo - you might just solve the greatest hide-and-seek game in history! Just remember, if Bigfoot is real, he's managed to outsmart us all for centuries, and that is no small feat... or should we say, no 'big foot'!



Grammar





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Present Perfect vs Past Simple

We use the present perfect for experiences that have happened at any time in a person's whole life.

I have lived in New York for three years.

(I started living there in the past, and I still do)

I have eaten sushi before.

(at some point in my life, not at a specific time)



We also present perfect for other time periods that haven't finished yet.

I have played soccer three times this week.

(this week hasn't finished yet)

I haven't eaten breakfast yet this morning.

(it is still morning)



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Present Perfect vs Past Simple

We use past simple for completed actions at a specific time in the past.

I broke my leg when I was ten years old.

(the specific time was stated)

Mark flew to Argentina on May 30th.

(the specific date was stated)



We also use past simple for actions or events that happened during a period that has finished.

Marcia read three books last week.

(the time period 'last week' has finished)

I didn't eat breakfast this morning.

(the time period 'morning' has finished)



Phonics!







Prefixes 'trans' & 'inter'

The prefix trans means "across" or "move between."

transatlantic: crossing the Atlantic ocean, or relating to countries on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean



The prefix inter means "between" or "among."

interstate: existing or carried on between states





Prefixes 'trans' & 'inter'

Let's practice the 'trans' and 'inter' prefixes!

Transcontinental

Transcribe

Transcend

Transfigure

Transmit

Transplant



Interactive

Interchange

Interfere

Intergalactic

Interject

Interlock

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See You Next time!

