



Fertigkeit	Lesen
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 4: Kann unkomplizierte Sachtexte über Themen, die mit den eigenen Interessen und Fachgebieten aus den Themenbereichen des Lehrplans in Zusammenhang stehen, mit befriedigendem Verständnis lesen. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Erlebnisse und Fantasiewelt
Zeitbedarf	15 Minuten
Länge des Lesetextes	475 Wörter
Material- und Medienbedarf	Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	---
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MYSTERIES

Read the articles.

Then tick (✓) the sentences below TRUE, FALSE or – if there is not enough information – NOT IN THE TEXT!

The Yeti

Some people who live in the Himalaya believe that the Yeti exists. They say it is more than two and a half metres tall. It walks upright and has lots of hair all over its body. One of the people who say that they have seen the Yeti is Reinhold Messner, the famous mountain climber.

'I've seen the Yeti. It was on one of my expeditions to the Himalaya,' he said. 'It came very close, but I was so surprised that I couldn't take a photograph.'



Nobody has ever taken a photograph of the Yeti, but some people show photographs of the Yeti's footprints.

UFOs

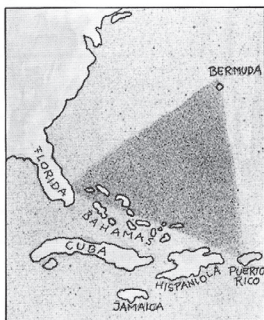
In more than 20,000 cases people say that they have seen UFOs (unidentified flying object). Among these people there are even some scientists.

An example: Air Force officers in North Dakota (USA) saw a shining red UFO. At the same moment all the electronics at the Air Force Base stopped working.



'When the thing got higher,' one of the officers later said, 'everything went back to normal again. But then it came down again very fast. It seemed to land 25 kilometres south of here. We checked everything very carefully the next few weeks. All we can say is that we don't know what it was.'

The Bermuda Triangle



A triangle between Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Bermudas is the most mysterious place on our planet. Hundreds of ships, aeroplanes, and people have disappeared there. Nobody can explain why. People have put forward different theories. Some say that Ufos have taken the ships, planes, and people to other planets. Some believe that an ancient city sank thousands of years ago where the Bermuda Triangle lies now. They think that Atlantis, as this city was called, lies directly under the Bermuda Triangle, and draws ships and planes down under the water with enormous energy. Others laugh about these theories. They say that ships and planes disappear as there are lots of hurricanes and thunderstorms in the Bermuda Triangle.

Moving stones


Strange things have been happening in Death Valley in California, USA, for some years now. People say that in the now empty lakes of Death Valley there are stones that move by themselves at night. No one has ever seen them move, but they do move, because they leave tracks behind them in the earth.

What is even stranger is that some of the moving stones weigh as much as 220 kilos, so it's difficult to see how anything else can move them if they do not move themselves. One scientist has measured their progress. He noticed that



one stone had moved 262 metres in seven years. How do these stones move, then? Some people say that it's because of the wind and rain. When it has been raining, the strong winds make the very smooth stones move easily over the wet surface of the earth.



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