

# The Mysterious Cryptids



Have you ever heard of cryptids? They are mysterious creatures that hide in the shadows, just waiting to be discovered. Cryptids are like legends or myths, but some people believe they might actually exist! Let's explore more about these fascinating creatures.

Cryptids come in all shapes and sizes. One well-known cryptid is Bigfoot, also called Sasquatch. Bigfoot is said to be a tall and hairy creature that walks on two legs. Many people claim to have seen footprints or even spotted Bigfoot deep in the forests. Yet, no one has captured solid proof of its existence.

Another famous cryptid is the Loch Ness Monster, also known as Nessie. Nessie is said to live in Loch Ness, a deep and murky lake in Scotland. People describe it as a long-necked creature, similar to a dinosaur. Some blurry photos and eyewitness accounts have fueled the belief in Nessie's existence, but no one has found concrete evidence so far.

The Chupacabra is a cryptid that originates from Latin American folklore. Its name means "goat sucker" because it is believed to attack and drink the blood of farm animals, especially goats. The Chupacabra is described as a creature with red eyes, sharp fangs, and spines on its back. Many stories and sightings have been reported, but scientists have not confirmed its existence.

Cryptids capture our imaginations because they challenge what we know about the natural world. They inspire us to explore and discover new things. People who study cryptids are called cryptozoologists. These brave adventurers search for evidence to prove the existence of these mysterious creatures.

While some cryptids might be based on legends or myths, others could be entirely new species waiting to be found. Scientists have discovered many new animals throughout history, like the coelacanth and the giant squid, which were once thought to be mythical creatures.

So, if you ever find yourself deep in a forest or near a mysterious lake, keep your eyes open! You might just stumble upon a cryptid and become part of a thrilling discovery. Remember, the world is full of wonders, and cryptids are a reminder that there are still mysteries waiting to be unraveled.

1. Read "The Mysterious Cryptids"
2. Underline any word or sentence you don't understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. What are Cryptids?**

- a. animals found by scientists
- b. mysterious creatures waiting to be discovered
- c. fairy tales

**2. Bigfoot is a Cryptid that:**

- a. people claim to have seen its footprints
- b. no evidence has ever been found to prove its existence
- c. a and b

**3. The Chupacabra name means:**

- a. sasquatch
- b. big foot
- c. goat sucker

**4. Cryptozoologists:**

- a. are people who study and look for proof of Cryptids
- b. name all of the cryptids
- c. write myths and legends about Cryptids

**5. Cryptids remind us that:**

- a. newly discovered creatures are myths
- b. scary creatures lurk in the forests
- c. there are still mysteries waiting to be unraveled

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## Open Response Questions

Open response questions for thinking skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing



1. Explain how a Cryptid could actually exist:
  2. Why do some people think that Cryptids actually exist?
  3. In 3 sentences summarize *“Mysterious Cryptids”* in your own words.
  4. What comes across your mind and what do you visualize as you are reading about the ‘Mysterious Cryptids?’
- Do you think Bigfoot, Loch Ness Monster or Chupacabra could be real? Why or why not.
  - Write 3 persuasive statements encouraging somebody to read this passage about ‘Mysterious Cryptids’
  - What did you learn from reading this passage? What didn’t you know before about Cryptids?
  - Find out more about a specific Cryptid and why scientists study it.
  - Why do you think adventurers want to discover a Cryptid? Would you? Why or why not?
  - Did you like reading this passage? Why or why not.