

The Scariest Monster Ever!

Zoe is visiting her cousins Daniel and Fiona in England. They have just watched an old Star Wars film together.

Daniel: –Wow, Darth Vader must be the coolest bad guy ever! That wheezing sound he makes when he speaks gives me the creeps.

Fiona: – OK, what is the scariest or coolest monster ever? And forget Star Wars. That's just for kids.

Daniel: – What do you mean? Are you crazy? What monster could possibly be worse than Darth Vader?

Fiona: – Zombies, obviously! And Darth Vader is no monster; he's just a disturbed human. No, it has to be zombies, because they just come at you, no matter what, to eat your brains.

Daniel: – I'll admit that zombies are not nice. But what about vampires? They drink your blood and turn you into a vampire, too. They vanish in a puff of smoke and can only be killed by a stake through the heart. Zoe, what do think?

Zoe: – In Sweden we have trolls. They are bigger than houses, as stupid as they come and want to eat you for breakfast. They live inside the mountains and only come out at night. People say sunlight will turn them into stones, but I wouldn't bet on it.



Daniel: – That is scary but I still think vampires are worse.

Fiona: – You know what, I have another suggestion. I just read that we, humans, have cut down half of all the rain forests in the world. We are destroying about 4,000 football fields of forest per hour! If we continue like this, we will soon have no rain forests left –and we ruin the climate, too. We will soon have killed the whole planet!

Zoe: – That is really scary!

Daniel: – Agreed! I think we have a winner: US!

Main idea Choose the right answer.

- a) How to win a monster contest.
- b) To learn what monsters eat.
- c) To learn how to plant a rain forest.
- d) To understand how much damage humans do.

Questions Choose the right answer.

- 1 What makes humans “monsters”?
 - a. We kill vampires.
 - b. We do bad things to our planet.
 - c. We hunt trolls.
- 2 How is a vampire killed?
 - a. By a puff of smoke
 - b. By a stake through its brain
 - c. By a stake through the heart
- 3 Which monsters are mentioned in the text?
 - a. Trolls, vampires, zombies and Darth Vader
 - b. Trolls, vampires, Zumba dancers and Darth Vader
 - c. Trolls, vampires, zombies and Dark Wader

New words Choose the right word.

creeps vanish wheezing destroyed

- 1 Has your teacher ever made that squeaky sound with the chalk on the blackboard? That sound gives me the _____!
- 2 Some people make a _____ sound when they breathe.
- 3 My puppy keeps eating my homework! It's completely _____!
- 4 _____ is another word for *disappear*.

Do it!

Make a drawing of Darth Vader, a zombie or a vampire. Let your partner draw a copy according to your instructions.