

Marvellous Monsters

a non-fiction workbook
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Welcome to the world of marvellous monsters! You'll find lots of fun things to work through that will help you with your writing skills.





For hundreds of years, people all over the world have feared monsters and told tales of how terrible we are. Well, I'm here to tell you that we are not really that bad. In fact, we're marvellous! I'm going to tell you all about us and inspire you to write about your own marvellous monster. Read on and find out more or listen to a recording here:

<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/marvellous-monsters/s-C35T3UjIRZC>

Monsters

What is a monster?

A monster is a colossal creature that usually scares people.

Appearance

Most monsters are enormous and can reach a height of 12 metres. However, some can be the size of an average human and grow to approximately 1.67 metres (five and a half feet tall). All monsters look different. Many are hairy, whereas some have scales. Additionally, monsters can come in many different colours. They range from a simple brown colour to being multicoloured, like the rainbow monster. Amazingly, some monsters have six eyes, eight legs and two sets of arms.

Habitat

Monsters are found across the world. They live in all sorts of different environments and can thrive in extreme heat or cold. The North Pole Monster loves to live under the snow, in icy crevices. However, most monsters prefer living under beds, inside cupboards or up in cosy attics.

Diet

All monsters are omnivores, which means they will eat anything. Furthermore, monsters love 'fast food' and will often raid McDonalds or KFC to grab burgers or chicken buckets. A small

minority of monsters are super healthy and always ensure they eat their '5-a-day' and keep sugary items to a minimum.

Surprisingly, monsters love tea and have been known to drink gallons of it, especially in the mornings.

What do they do?

Monsters are best known for scaring people and wreaking havoc. However, this is a popular misconception. Monsters are actually gentle creatures who love to read, take walks and play board games. They are also skilled bakers and make amazing bread and cupcakes. Unfortunately, because monsters look so scary, people often overreact when they see them and want to fight them off. In addition to this, monsters speak a language made up of roars, growls and howls which simply sounds scary to humans. Finally, monsters are extremely clumsy and, as they try to get away from people, they tend to knock things down or crush things under their feet by accident. All of these unfortunate things make monsters seem very hostile when, in fact, they are not.

Fast facts

- * The oldest monster lived to be 1003 years old.
- * Monsters have tiny thorns on their tongues which help them to groom.
- * Monsters have amazing hearing and can hear the slightest noise five miles away.
- * Monsters become adults at the age of eight.

Monster advice

If you happen to meet a monster or find one under your bed, do not fret! Simply smile at them, give them a little wave and offer them a cup of tea. They really are lovely creatures and you'll soon be friends for life!

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1. Now you have found out more about monsters, what are your thoughts about them? Fill in the table below:

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