

MARTYNA'S MYTHICAL MONSTER

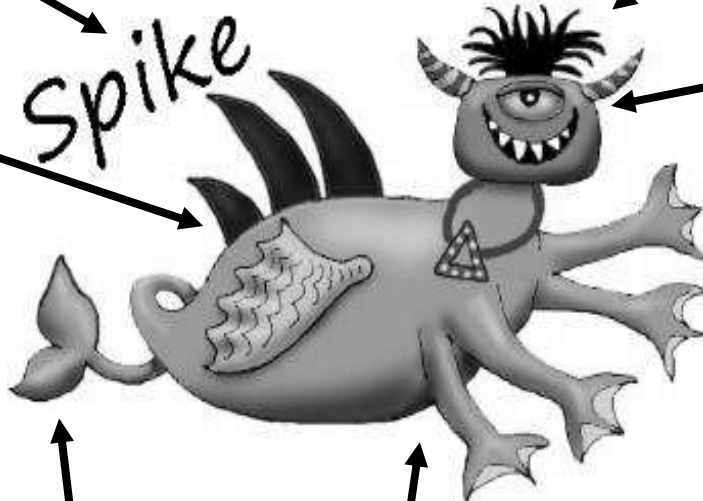
Class 2 have been asked to make up their own monster before writing a monster story. This is Martyna's.

This is my monster. I don't know exactly what it is. That's why I've called it Spike. It has spikes on its back that shoot out golden lightning bolts.



It has horns on its head for protection. It doesn't have a comb, so, sometimes, its floppy hair falls in its eye and it can't see where it's going.

It's about the size of a truck. Its wings look too small for its fat body, but they can stretch out about twenty metres on each side.



It has only one big eye. It can see for miles. It can also spot really tiny bugs, which it splats with its flippers. Then it munches them.

Lots of Spike-type monsters used to fly around a long time ago in Egypt, but they kept knocking people over with their twirly tails. So they were chased away. People threw spears at them and hit them with brushes with long handles when they flew down to steal the dates off their palm trees.

I think most of them escaped to another planet. Probably Mars. You don't see many on Earth nowadays. They wear a metal triangle round their necks for sending messages to each other. They make whistling noises that we can't hear. Only dogs can hear them.

1. How big is Martyna's monster?



2. Why is it best to stay away from the monster's spikes?

3. What else does Spike use to protect itself?

4. How do we know that Martyna's monster has good eyesight? Write down **two** clues.

5. Sometimes the monster has trouble seeing where it's going. Why?

6. Write down **two** things the monster likes to eat.

7. How big are Spike's wings?

8. Martyna says that people in Egypt got fed up of them. Why was that?



9. People used **two** things to chase them away. What were they?

10. Martyna says that you don't see many on Earth nowadays. Why is that?

11. What do they do with the metal triangles around their necks?

12. As well as other monsters, what other creatures can hear the whistling noises they make?

13. Martyna doesn't say anything about it swimming. Why do you think it might be good at swimming.
