

## Cartoon: Loch Ness Monster on Scottish Independence



This cartoon by Paul Thomas from The Express relates to the agreement signed by UK Prime Minister David Cameron and Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond granting the Scottish government the power to hold a referendum on independence in 2014.

### THE CARTOON

Two Loch Ness monsters are discussing the referendum agreement. One tells the other, "I might go and live in the Lake District if the Scots vote for independence."

### EXPLANATION

The Lake District is a national park situated in the north-west of England. Clearly, the monster is not a supporter of Scottish independence!

### GRAMMAR

Note the use of 'might' to express possibility. It's not certain that the monster will move to the Lake District, it's only a possibility.

## Cartoon: Scots' Porridge



This cartoon by Andy Davey from The Sun relates to UK Prime Minister David Cameron's visit to Scotland during which he delivered an impassioned plea to the Scots in defence of the United Kingdom, enticing Scotland to reject independence with an offer to devolve more power to Edinburgh.

The cartoon shows Cameron wearing a Union Jack kilt as a competitor in the stone put event of the Highland Games. However, instead of putting a stone, Cameron is attempting to throw Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond, who is leading the campaign for independence. Cameron's efforts are not helped by the fact that he is standing in a bowl of porridge. The porridge can be seen as a metaphor for the difficult (sticky?) situation in which Cameron finds himself as he tries to convince the Scots to vote 'no' in the forthcoming referendum.

### **PORRIDGE**

Porridge is a thick, sticky dish made from oats cooked in water or milk and eaten hot, especially for breakfast. Porridge has been consumed in Scotland as a staple food since the Middle Ages. Scott's Porridge Oats is a brand of porridge sold in the United Kingdom, so the cartoonist is playing on that name and the product's packaging. Dave Brown uses a very similar idea in his cartoon in The Independent.