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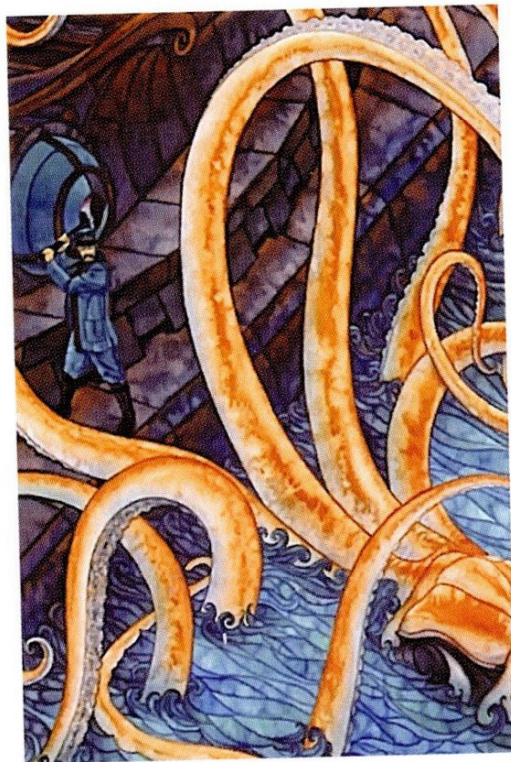
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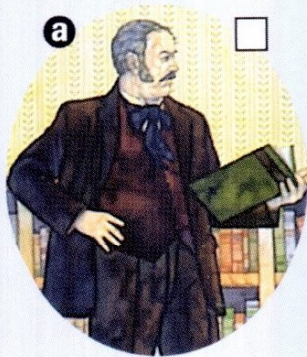
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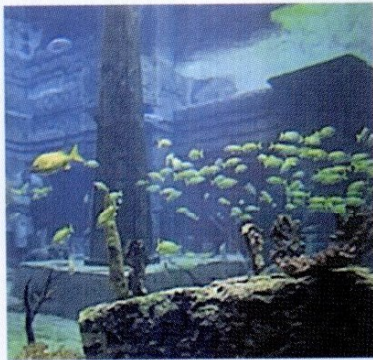
BEFORE READING

1 Here are sentences about people in the story *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Match each sentence with a picture.

- 1 Captain Nemo doesn't like people. He loves to stay at sea all the time.
- 2 In his work Ned Land kills whales with a harpoon. He never sits down for long.
- 3 Doctor Aronnax writes books about the sea. He thinks a lot, and he knows a lot.
- 4 Conseil is a good servant. He likes helping people.



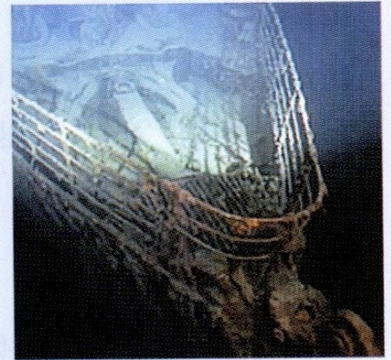
2 This story begins in 1866. It happens under the sea. What do the people see there? Tick four boxes.



a Atlantis



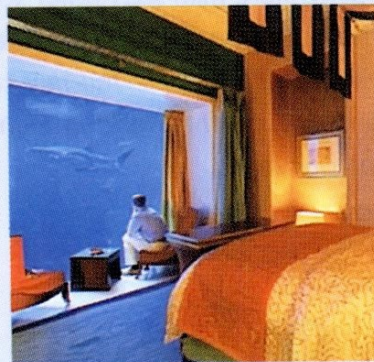
b treasure



c the *Titanic*



d a sea spider



e an underwater hotel



f a submarine

CHAPTER 1

Looking for the monster

In 1866, everyone was excited about one thing. There was a **strange monster** in the sea, people said. Different ships saw it at different times in the Atlantic and in the Pacific. It was very big, very long, and it moved very fast. It **threw** water up into the sky, too. Perhaps it was a **whale**? Of course, some people did not **believe** in the monster. But then, in 1867, some important ships had bad accidents. The worst of these accidents happened to a famous ship, the *Scotia*. After it hit something at sea, the *Scotia* had a **hole** in it of two and a half metres! People said, 'The monster did this! We must find it and kill it.'

I, Doctor Pierre Aronnax, work at the **Museum of Natural History** in Paris. But I was in the United States at the time on a visit. Because I write books about sea animals, lots of people asked me about the monster. Was

strange not usual

monster a big animal that is very bad to look at and makes people afraid

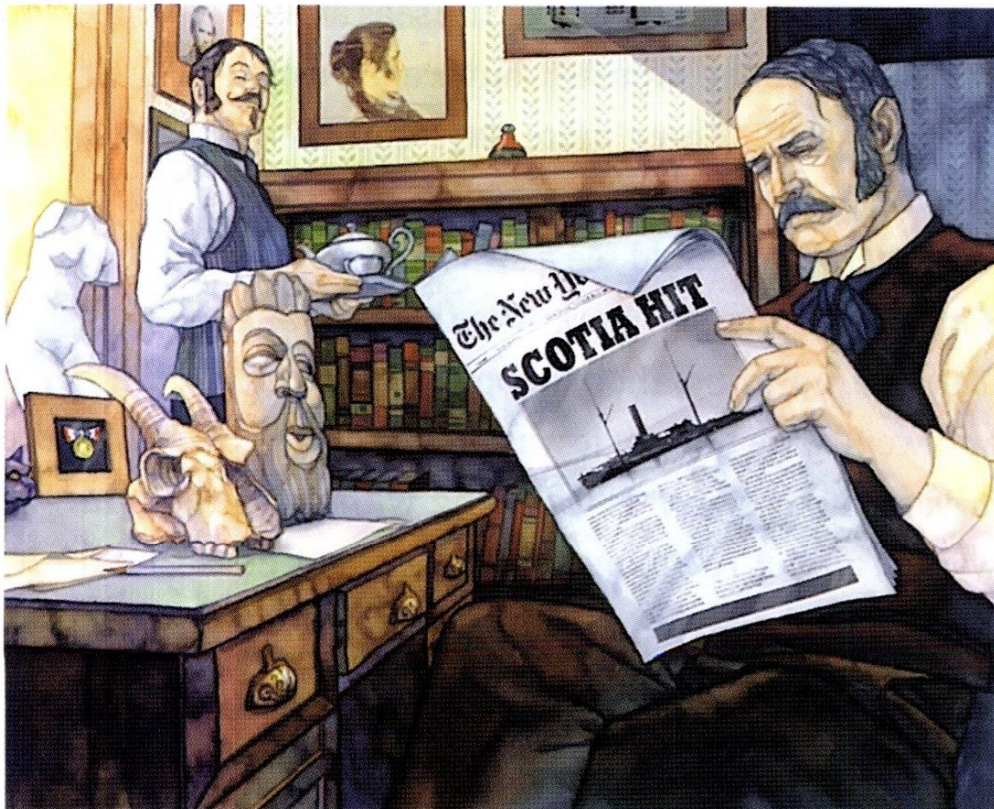
throw (*past threw*) to make something move quickly through the air

whale a very big animal that lives in the sea and looks like a fish

believe to think that something is true

hole an opening in something

Museum of Natural History a big building where you can see dead animals and other things



it an animal or perhaps a **submarine**? What could I say? I didn't know. Then a wonderful thing happened. The Americans wanted to send a ship, the *Abraham Lincoln*, after the monster and they asked me, 'Can you come with us?'

I was happy to go – and Conseil, my good **servant**, went with me.

When we left New York, thousands of people came and watched us. **Captain** Farragut of the *Abraham Lincoln* said, 'Two thousand dollars for the first man to see the monster! Good luck!' On the ship there was a man from Canada, Ned Land. Ned was big and tall, and he threw the **harpoon** very well. He was a whaler and he knew many exciting stories about the sea. He didn't believe in the monster.

'No sea animal could make a hole in the *Scotia*,' he laughed. 'She's a **metal** ship!'



For weeks, we moved across the seas and we watched day and night for the monster, but we did not see it. Captain Farragut said, 'Three more days and then we go home.' But two nights later, it happened. Ned Land cried, 'Look! Over there!' We could see a strange **light** under the water. Something long and dark was there. It was the monster! It **swam** up to us, then stopped. The strange light came and went. One minute it was on our left. The next minute it was on our right. 'Is it playing with us?' I thought. We waited, afraid. The monster made a lot of noise and threw water into the **air**, but it did not **attack**. At about two in the morning, we saw the strange light again about eight kilometres away. Ned took his harpoon in his hand and

submarine a ship that goes under the water

servant a person who works for someone rich

captain the most important person on a ship

harpoon people kill whales with this long, thin thing

metal cars and big ships are made of this; you can't break it easily

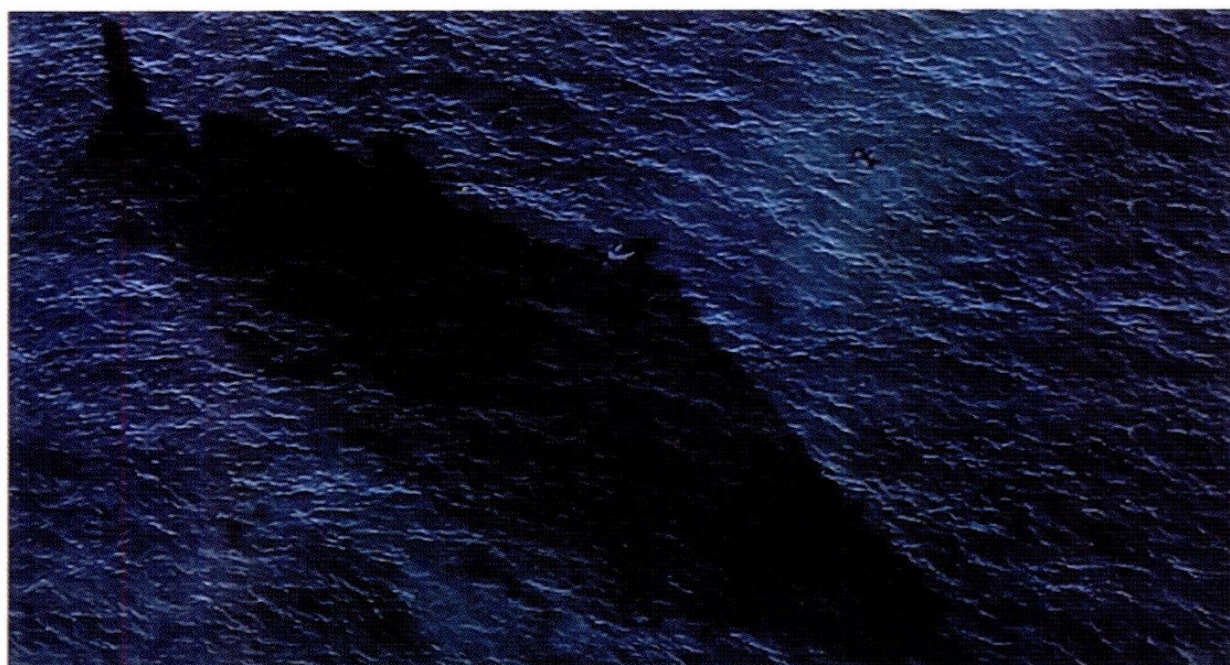
light something that helps you to see in the dark

swim (*past swam*) to go through the water moving your arms and legs

air we take this in through our mouth and nose

attack to start hitting someone or something suddenly

we made ready to attack. Our ship moved quickly, but the monster went faster. 'Don't lose it!' cried Captain Farragut. We went nearly 500 kilometres that night. In the end, the monster stopped and we saw the strange light under the sea in front of us. Quietly our ship went nearer and Ned stood ready. At six metres, he threw his harpoon. It hit the monster noisily. Suddenly the sea in front of us was dark, and a big river of cold, black water came up over our ship. It threw me down into the sea.



'Help!' I cried. I couldn't swim because there was water in my **clothes**. Conseil did his best to pull my head out of the water again and again, but soon he was tired. And we couldn't see the *Abraham Lincoln*. 'We're going to die,' I thought. Then Conseil saw something in the water and we swam over to it. It was Ned. He sat there on something big under the **surface** of the sea!

'Why couldn't I kill the monster with my harpoon?' he cried. 'Because it's a metal ship!'

Conseil and I got out of the water and sat down next to

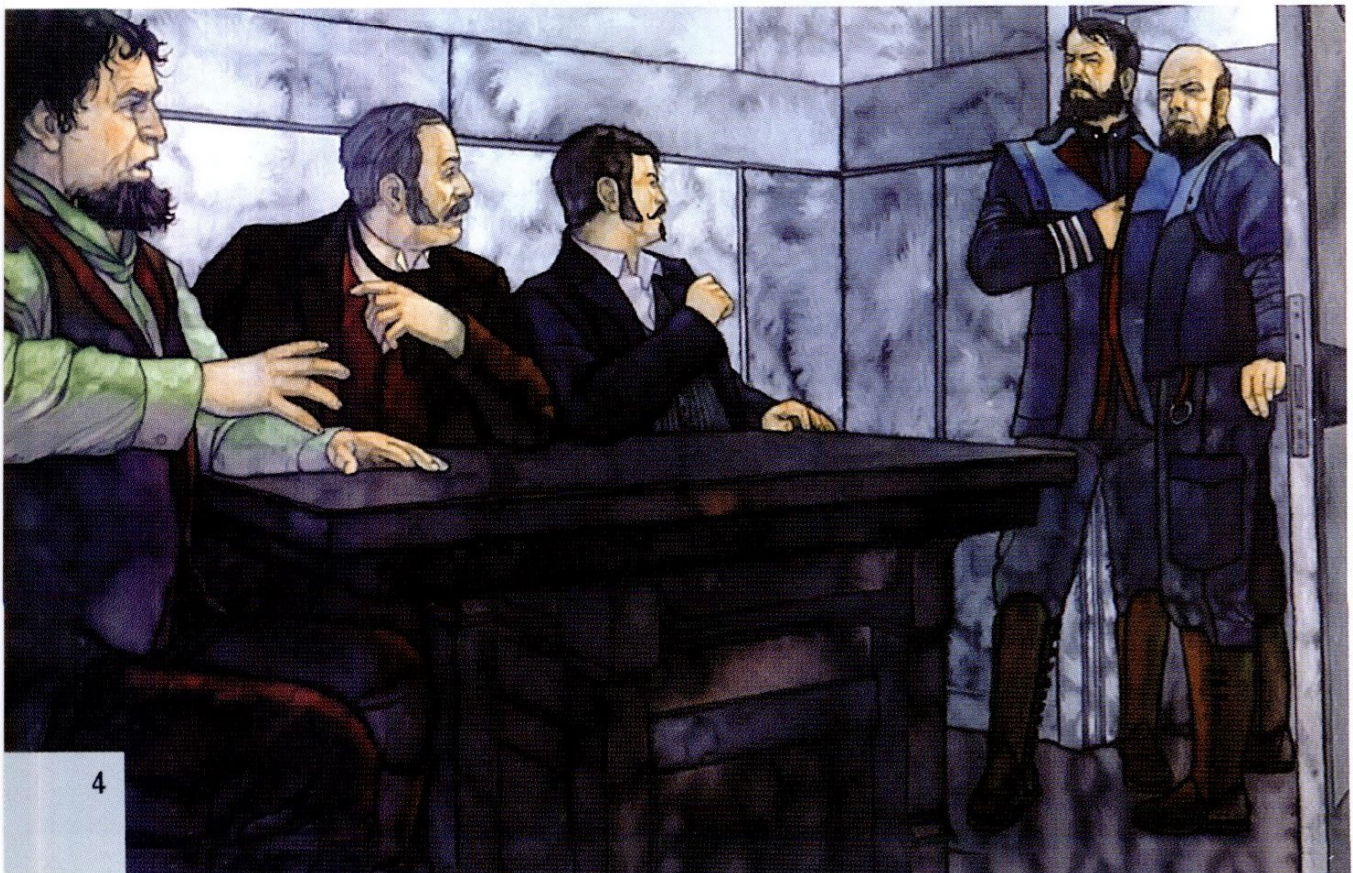
clothes people wear these

surface the highest part of something

Ned. He was right. We were on a long, dark, metal ship. Our 'monster' was a submarine!

Suddenly, the submarine began to move along the surface of the sea, and up on its back we went along with it. Hours later, when morning came, the submarine began to go down! Ned cried angrily, 'Hey! Stop! Open up, I say!' At once a door opened near our feet, and a man's head came up out of it. The man gave a cry and went away again. A few seconds later, eight men came up out of the door. They said nothing, but took us quickly down into the ship and left us in the dark there.

In the submarine everything was quiet. Suddenly, a yellow light came on and we could see. We were in a room with a table and five chairs. The door opened and two men came in. The first man was short with a white face. The second man was tall and dark. The tall man's dark eyes were very strange. They could see through me when he looked at me, I felt. The two men wore sea blue clothes. The taller man was the captain, I could see. He spoke to me in



a strange language, and I couldn't understand him. I told him our story in French, and he listened to it, but his face did not change. Did he understand? Then Ned and Conseil spoke to him in English and German, but there was no answer. In the end, the two men in blue said nothing and left the room.

Ned couldn't believe it. 'I'm hungry!' he cried. 'Are they going to help us or not?'

Just then, a different man came into the room with clothes for us to wear. He gave us something to eat, too. It was **fish**, I think, and it was good – but different from usual fish. After we finished eating, we slept.



When we opened our eyes, many hours later, the air in the room was very bad. Then suddenly the submarine moved up, the doors opened, and at the same time the air was good once more and we could **breathe** again. 'I see,' I thought, 'Whales come up when they want to breathe, and this submarine comes up for air, too. Interesting!'

But Ned wasn't interested when I told him. Once more, he was hungry, thirsty – and angry. He hit the table with his hands.

'These people are **terrible!**' he said. 'We must get out of here!'

'We can't, Ned,' I said. I was afraid. I remembered the captain's cold face. What did he want with us?

Just then, the door opened and the captain came in. Ned moved quickly to attack him.

But the captain was not afraid.

'Take it easy, Land,' he said. 'And you, Doctor, listen to me!'

fish this animal lives in water and we eat it; to look for and take fish or different things from the water

breathe to make air move into and out of your body through your nose and mouth

terrible very bad

ACTIVITIES

READING CHECK

Are these sentences true or false?

- | | True | False |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a The story happens in the 1900s. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b Dr Aronnax usually works in France. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c Ned Land is afraid of the monster. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d The <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> goes after the monster. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e The monster is a submarine. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f The captain of the submarine speaks warmly to Aronnax. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

WORD WORK

1 Complete each sentence with a pair of words.

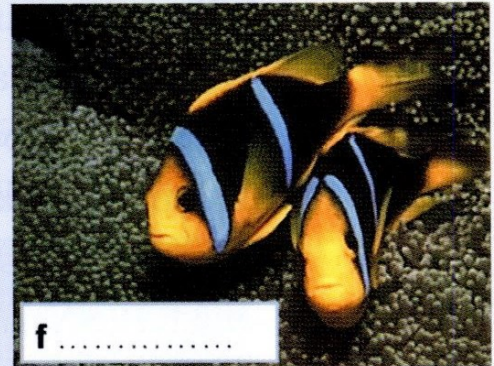
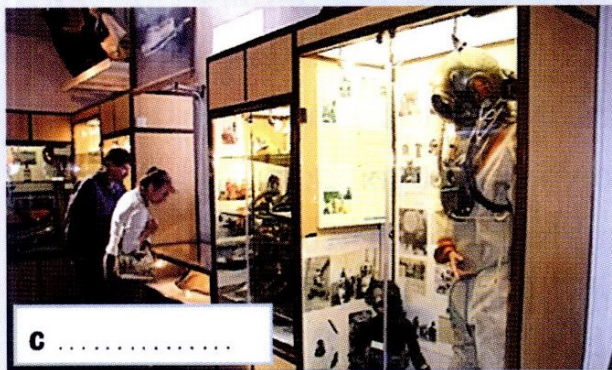
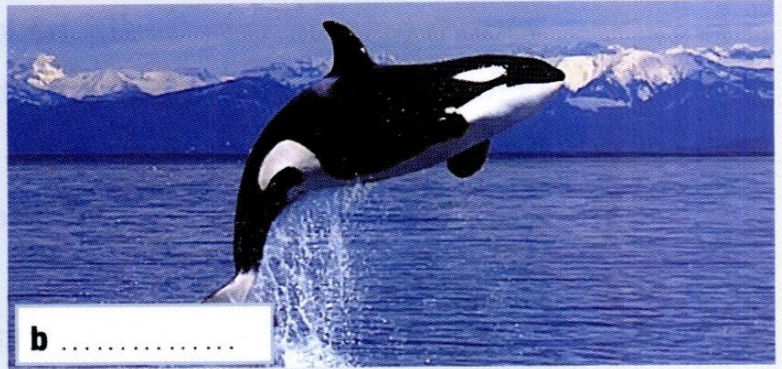
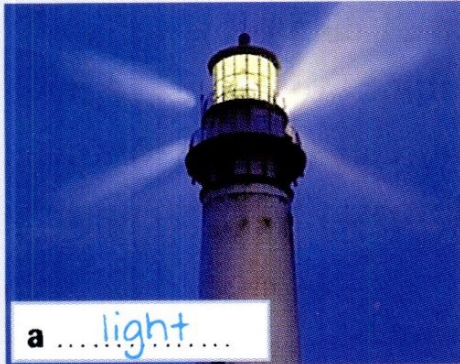


- a Some people did not believe in the strange monster.
- b The monster made a in the *Scotia*, a big ship.
- c Ned wants to his harpoon and the monster.
- d Aronnax cannot because there is water in his
- e The on the submarine is very bad and they cannot
- f There's something under the of the sea.
- g The took the submarine under the of the sea.

ACTIVITIES

2 Match the words in the box with the pictures.

fish ~~light~~ museum ship submarine whale



GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick three boxes.

- a The captain kills Conseil.
- b Aronnax visits the submarine.
- c Aronnax sees lots of books.
- d Ned runs away from the submarine.
- e Conseil and Aronnax go for a walk under the sea with the captain.
- f The captain leaves the submarine and goes to a hotel.

CHAPTER 2

Captain Nemo and the Nautilus

The captain looked at us coldly. 'Yes, I can understand your language very well,' he said. 'I didn't answer you before because I wanted time to think. You attacked me and you're in my hands now. You can never leave this ship, but you're free to stay and **journey** with me under the sea.'

'What are you saying? How can we be free down here?' I cried. 'Are we never going to see our families or our countries again?'

'No,' replied the captain. 'Nobody up there must know about me and my ship! So you can't go back. And **escape** is out of the question. But give me your word on that, and you can move freely about this ship.'

'I can't give you my word!' said Ned angrily.

'I'm not asking for *your* word, Land,' said the captain. 'Doctor Aronnax, you're going to love living on my ship. I know all your books about the sea. They're very interesting, but you don't know everything. With me, you're going to learn many wonderful things. I'm Captain Nemo and my ship is the *Nautilus*.'

I was excited by the captain's words. I wanted to know more about this strange man. He was not very friendly but he spoke truly. We were in his hands. What could we do? Ned and Conseil went to their room to eat. I went with Nemo to a room with a big table in it. There were good things to eat on that table, all from the sea. Nemo and I sat, ate, and talked.

'We usually eat fish,' said Nemo, 'but sometimes we

journey to go far; when you go far

escape when you run away; to get away from something bad

hunt for bigger animals in my **forests** under the sea. Everything here comes from the sea, Dr Aronnax, and one day, everything's going to go back there, too.'

'You love the sea, Captain,' I said.

'Yes!' Nemo cried, and for a minute he looked happy. 'Men cannot **fight** under the sea, so here I am free!'

Suddenly he went quiet and his face changed. It was cold again.

'Come, Doctor Aronnax. Let us visit the *Nautilus*.'

First, Nemo showed me all his books. 'I have 12,000 books here on the *Nautilus*,' he said. 'I love reading, you see.'

Next, we went into a big room with many famous pictures and beautiful **shells** in it. There was a big **piano**, with a famous maker's name on it, there too.

'Tell me more about the *Nautilus*, Captain,' I said. 'How does it work?'

'With sea water we make **electricity** and that gives us light. It helps us to breathe, and it helps the *Nautilus* to move, too.'

'Electricity – wonderful! But the *Nautilus* goes very fast. How? I don't understand.'

'That doesn't matter now, Doctor. You have lots of time



hunt to look for and kill animals; to look for something that is not easy to find

forest a place with lots of trees

fight (*past fought*) to hit someone again and again; when you hit something again and again

shell the hard outside part of a small animal

piano you play music on this with your hands

electricity this comes along wires and makes things work; computers and TVs use electricity

to understand these things – because you're never going to leave.'

After that, Nemo took me to a window. Through it we could see the *Nautilus's* **boat** ready in the water.

'Look, Doctor,' he said, 'We can go quickly up to the surface in that.' For a minute I thought of Ned and his talk of escaping. But I could not leave just then. I was interested to learn more.

We talked for hours. I asked Nemo about the hole in the *Scotia*.

'We were two metres under the sea when it happened. The *Scotia* didn't see us. It was an accident.'

'And did you attack the *Abraham Lincoln*?' I asked.

'Yes, because the *Abraham Lincoln* attacked me first,' answered Nemo. 'But no ship in the **world** is better than the *Nautilus*.' I believed him. The *Nautilus* was a truly wonderful ship.



We began our journey under the seas on 8th November. The submarine had big windows and with the help of electric light we could watch all the sea animals through them. Later, when metal doors closed over the windows, we could not see out any more. So we went back to our rooms.

For many days, we did not see Captain Nemo. Then one afternoon I found a letter from him on my table. It said: 'Would you like to hunt with me tomorrow morning? I'm going to the underwater forests of Crespo **Island**.'

Ned said, 'It doesn't feel right to me! You can't hunt *under* the sea. I want to hunt whales from a ship on the surface with my harpoon!' He stayed behind on the *Nautilus*.

boat a little ship

world people live in lots of different countries here

island a country in the sea



Nemo, Conseil and I wore strange suits with boxes of air on our backs. We went down into the sea through a door under the *Nautilus*. The water was cold, but it did not matter. We walked over the sea **bed** and we saw fish of all colours, beautiful flowers, and very tall trees. These were the forests of Crespo Island. Conseil was very happy and he jumped slowly up and down in the water. After some hours, I felt tired and I closed my eyes. When I opened them again, I saw a sea **spider** in front of me. What a monster! It stood more than a metre tall and it looked at me hungrily. It began to come nearer to me on its long, thin legs. Suddenly, Captain Nemo came and hit the monster between the eyes. It ran away quickly. I was very careful after that. Nemo killed some sea animals to eat later, but Conseil and I killed nothing. Soon it was time to go back to the *Nautilus*.

bed the land under the sea; a place where shellfish live under the sea

spider an animal with eight legs

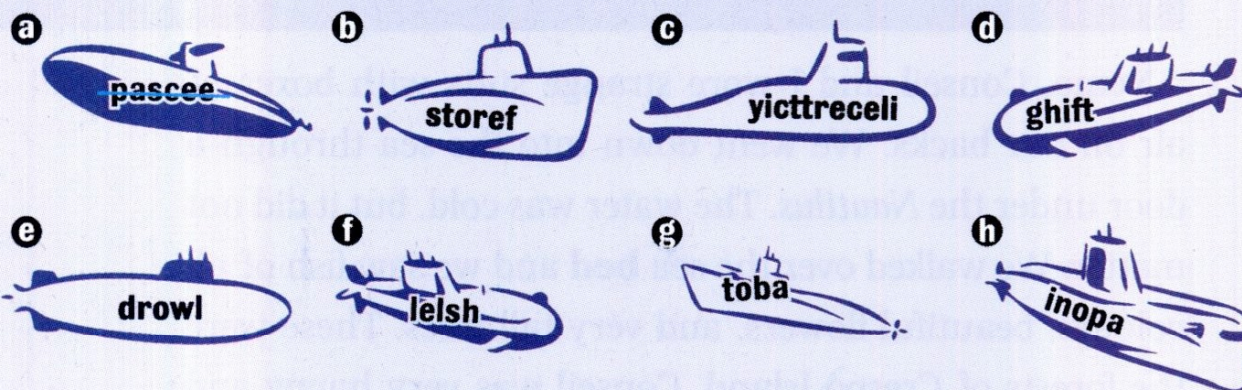
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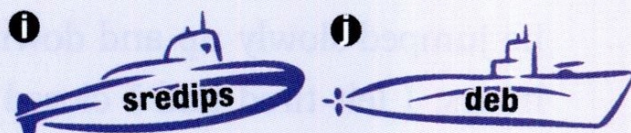
- a Aronnax and Conseil go hunting under the sea.
- b The *Nautilus* begins its journey.
- c Aronnax gets a letter from Nemo.
- d Nemo talks to Aronnax and his friends for the first time.
- e Aronnax looks at different rooms on the *Nautilus*.
- f Nemo hits a sea spider.
- g Aronnax and Nemo have something to eat.
- h Ned speaks angrily to Nemo.

WORD WORK

Unscramble the letters in the submarines to find the missing words.



- a Ned is unhappy on the *Nautilus* and he wants to ...escape...
- b Aronnax sees a beautiful under the water with lots of trees.
- c The *Nautilus* moves through the sea with the help of
- d Aronnax is afraid of the sea spider and he doesn't want to it.
- e There are lots of interesting countries in the
- f Look at this wonderful white! I found it on the sea bed.
- g Would you like to go fishing with me in my?
- h Ned can play the guitar, and Nemo plays the
- i have got eight legs.
- j What's that on the sea at your feet?



GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

a What does Ned want to do?

- 1 See his family.
- 2 Kill Nemo.
- 3 Learn a new language.

b What happens to the *Nautilus*?

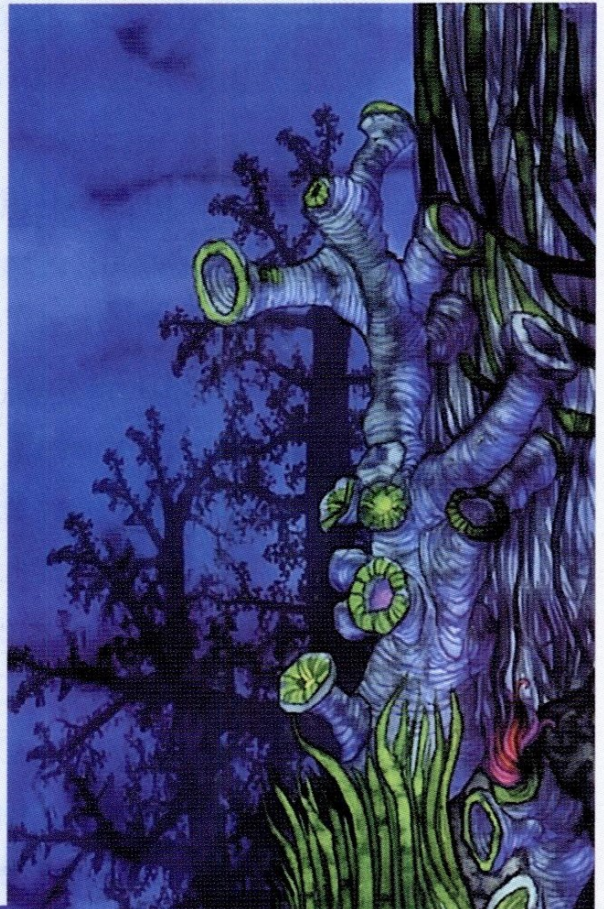
- 1 A monster attacks it.
- 2 It hits something and stops.
- 3 Conseil drives it.

c What do Aronnax and his friends do?

- 1 They play tennis.
- 2 They fight Nemo.
- 3 They leave the *Nautilus*.

d Who or what does Conseil kill?

- 1 A detective.
- 2 Two birds.
- 3 One of Nemo's men.



CHAPTER 3

The Islanders attack

After we left Crespo Island, the *Nautilus* journeyed on the surface of the sea. I saw twenty of Captain Nemo's men at work. They were from different countries and they spoke in a strange language.

Soon we arrived at the Tuamuto islands. They were **coral** islands, alive, and of many different colours.

'One day, the coral's going to make a new **continent** here,' I said to Nemo.

'The world doesn't need new continents,' said Nemo coldly. 'It needs new men!'



December 25th came, and Ned wasn't happy. He thought about his country – Canada – and his family. He did not want to be at sea on Christmas Day.

By 1st January, we were near New Guinea.

'Happy New Year!' said Conseil.

Captain Nemo wanted to go into the Indian **Ocean** through the Torres **Strait**. But the sea was bad and there was lots of coral in front of us.

'What's Nemo doing?' cried Ned. 'Does he want to kill us?'

Just then, the *Nautilus* hit something and stopped.

'I knew it!' cried Ned.

'An accident, Captain?' I asked.

'It's nothing,' Nemo answered. 'In four days, when the sea goes up more than usual at the end of the month, the *Nautilus* can be free of the coral. We must wait.' He said no more and left.

coral a hard thing in the sea; it is made of the bodies of little sea animals

continent a very big piece of land; Africa is a continent

ocean a big sea

strait a little sea way that goes between two very near pieces of land



‘Now we can escape,’ said Ned excitedly.

‘No, we can’t! Not in New Guinea, Ned,’ I said. ‘We don’t want to die far from home.’

‘But we’ve got four days here. Let’s visit the island! There are trees there, and animals perhaps. We can get some **fruit** and meat!’

‘Ned’s right,’ said Conseil. ‘Let’s ask the captain.’

Captain Nemo said ‘yes’. So the next day, the three of us went to the island on the *Nautilus*’s boat.

When we arrived, Ned said, ‘Give me twenty-five minutes, and you’re going to have the best meat ever!’

Ned soon found some fruit, but no animals. We ate the fruit and drank some island river water and the time went by quickly. At five o’clock, we went back to the *Nautilus*. The next day, we got up early and went to the island again. Ned wanted to kill some birds, but they escaped. ‘I’m better with a harpoon!’ he cried. Conseil did better and soon killed two birds. We made a **fire** and ate them. They were very good. Finally, Ned killed some more island animals

fruit you get this sweet thing from trees and can eat it; bananas and apples are different fruits

fire this is hot and red and it burns

and we ate those too. He and Conseil were very happy.

'Why don't we sleep here tonight?' said Conseil.

'Why don't we sleep here every night?' laughed Ned.

Just then, I heard a noise. I looked up and saw twenty angry islanders not far away. We moved very quickly to our boat, but the islanders ran after us. There were more than a hundred of them now. In twenty minutes we were back on the *Nautilus*. I ran to speak to Captain Nemo. I found him at his piano. He played it beautifully and did not look up when I came into the room.

'Captain!' I cried. 'There are hundreds of angry islanders after us! They want to get on the *Nautilus*.'

Nemo did not stop playing. He smiled and said, 'Happily they can't, Doctor, believe me. Now go to bed and sleep.'

The next day, we could see five hundred angry islanders on the island. We stayed on the *Nautilus*. Suddenly, Conseil gave a cry and I looked up. There were now twenty or more long boats in the sea not far from our ship. The islanders were ready to attack us. Once more I ran to Nemo.

'Doctor Aronnax,' he said. 'Don't be afraid. We can close the ship's doors. Nobody can get in then.'

'But what happens when we open the doors to breathe?'

'Then, Doctor, the islanders are free to come in, but not very far and not for very long, believe me. Go to your room now. Tomorrow at 2.40 p.m. the *Nautilus* is going to be free of the coral. Our journey must go on.'

I went to bed, but I did not sleep well. All night, the islanders walked up and down on the ship and I could hear their cries.

The next afternoon at 2.35, Captain Nemo opened the doors of the *Nautilus*. Twenty islanders were there, ready



to come down into the ship. I was afraid.

'Captain,' I cried. 'What can we do? They're going to kill us!'

Then I stopped suddenly. What a wonderful thing! The islanders could not come down into the ship. When they began to do it, they stopped, cried noisily and ran away, afraid. Then I understood. The metal near the doors had electricity in it. When the men put their hands on it, it threw them up out of the ship!

By now it was 2.40 and, suddenly, the *Nautilus* moved. Nemo was right. It was the end of the month, and the sea was up now. We were free of the coral.



On 18th January, the weather was very bad. Captain Nemo looked at something on the sea through his **telescope**. Suddenly his face changed and he spoke quickly to one of his men in their strange language. His face was dark and angry when he said to me, 'Go to your room at once, Doctor. And no questions please!'

Ned and Conseil were there when I arrived. Without speaking, we ate dinner, and then we slept.

telescope far things look near when you look through this

READING CHECK

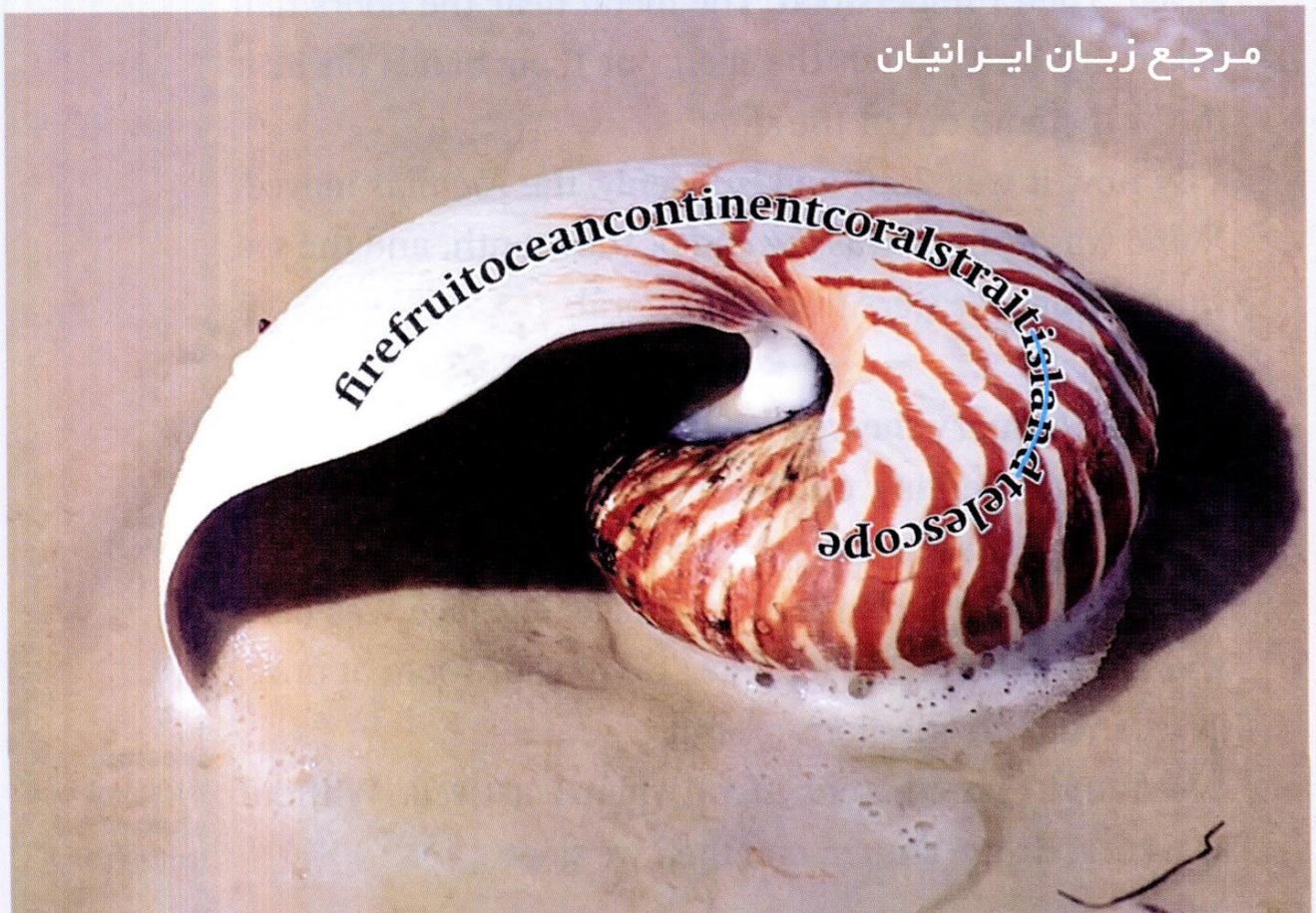
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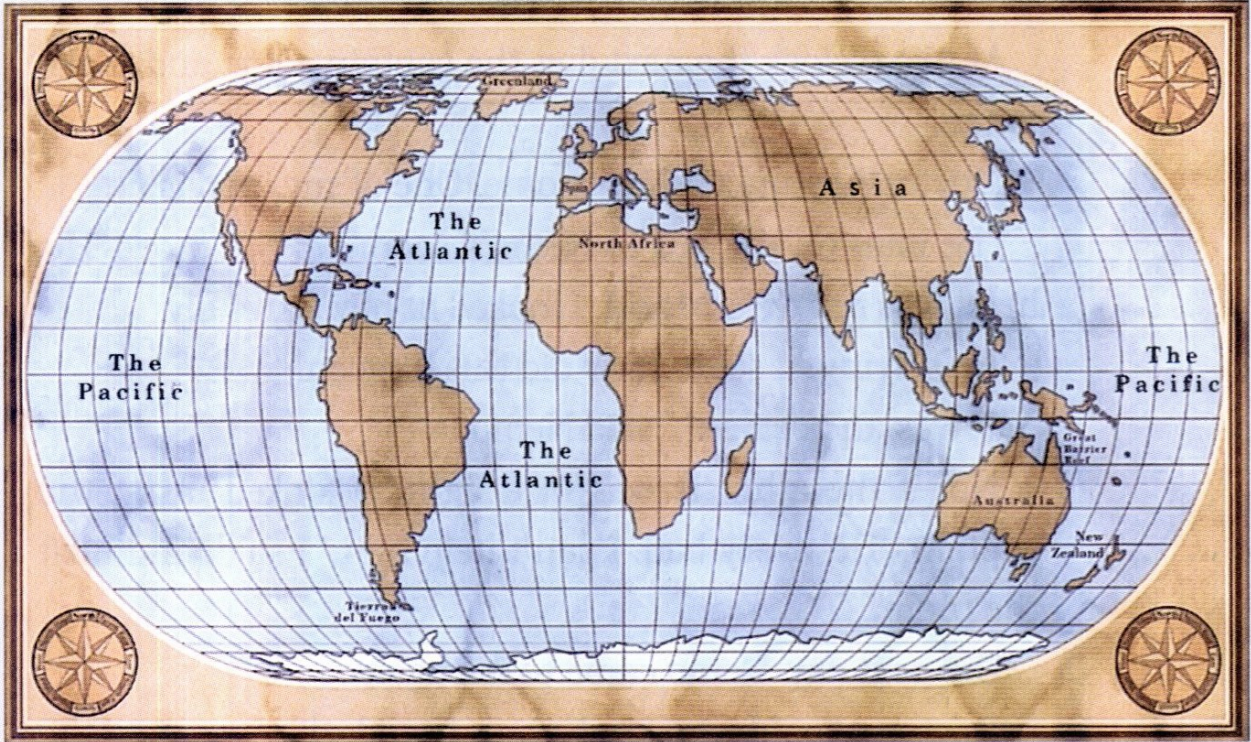
- a Ned wants to be in ~~Africa~~ on Christmas Day.
- b The *Nautilus* cannot move for four weeks.
- c Ned wants to look for fish with his friends.
- d Some people help Aronnax and his friends.
- e Nemo plays the piano badly.
- f There is electricity in the windows of the *Nautilus*.
- g Aronnax can understand Nemo when he speaks to his men.

WORD WORK

1 Find seven more words from Chapter 3 in the shell.



2 Choose the correct word in each sentence.



- a Greenland is a big island / continent in the North Atlantic.
- b Kiwi fruit / Coral comes from New Zealand.
- c Asia is the biggest continent / island in the world.
- d The south of Spain and North Africa are very near. We call the sea between them the Ocean / Strait of Gibraltar.
- e The Pacific is a big ocean / continent.
- f There is lots of coral / fruit in the sea near Queensland in Australia.
- g When Magellan first went to Tierra del Fuego in South America, he saw lots of smoke there. So he called it 'the Country of Coral / Fire'.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick three boxes.

- a One of Nemo's men dies.
- b Aronnax loses an arm.
- c Nemo helps a fisherman.
- d Conseil finds an old book.
- e Ned sings for his friends.
- f The *Nautilus* goes into the Mediterranean Sea.

CHAPTER 4

Fighting to live

At two o'clock the next day, the captain came and spoke to me.

'Doctor Aronnax. Please come. One of my men is ill.'

The man on the bed in Nemo's room did not move. His head was red with **blood**. I looked at him carefully.

'He's dying,' I said. 'How did this happen?'

'It was an accident,' said Nemo.

'No,' I thought. 'It was in a fight.' I looked up at the captain. 'He's very bad. I can't help him,' I said, and I left the room.

The next day, Nemo came to me again.

'Doctor, would you and your friends like to visit the underwater world today?'

Soon we were ready in our underwater suits. Ten of Captain Nemo's men came with us. Four of them carried a long box. We were 300 metres under the sea, and we

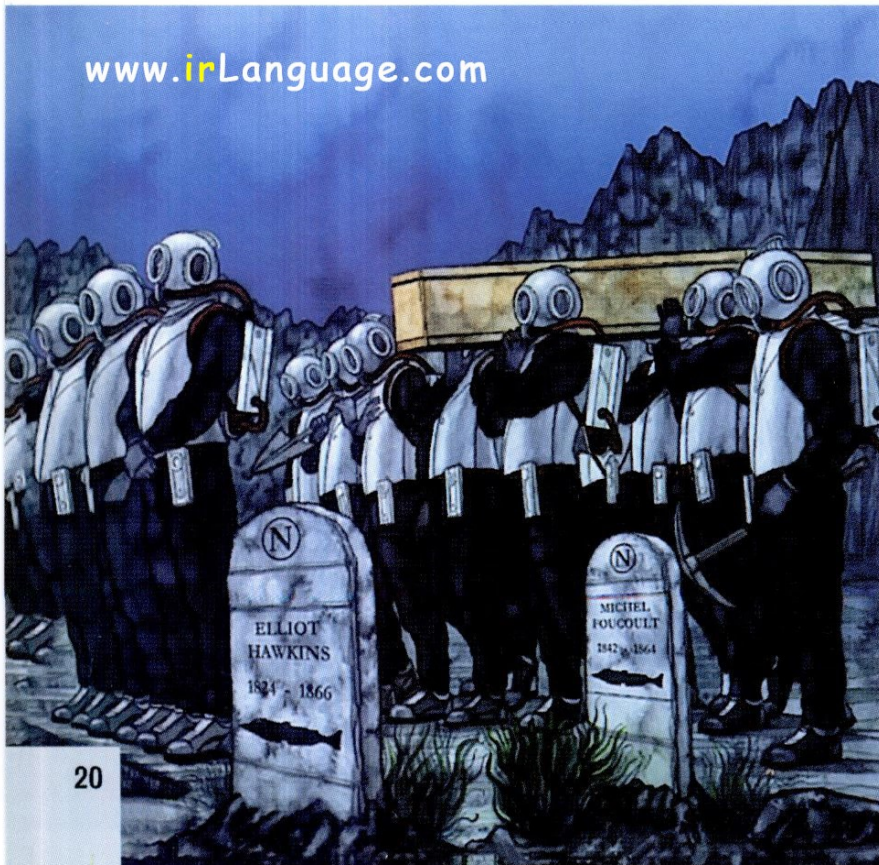
walked for two hours without speaking. Suddenly Nemo and his men stopped. The men with the long box put it down. Then all the men made a hole in the sea bed and they put the long box into it.

Suddenly I understood. This was an underwater **cemetery!**

blood this is red; you can see it when you cut your hand

cemetery a place where we put dead people under the ground

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Back on the *Nautilus*, I spoke to Nemo.

'So, Captain, your man died in the night.'

'Yes, Dr Aronnax,' he answered, but he said no more about it.



Not long after that, we arrived in the Indian Ocean.

'Let's escape to India,' Ned said.

'No, Ned,' I said. 'Wait until we get to Europe.' Ned said nothing, but he didn't look very happy at my words.

On 8th February, Captain Nemo came again to see me.

'Doctor, we're near the island of Sri Lanka, famous for its **pearl** fishing. The pearl fishers get the **oysters** from their beds under the water here. It isn't easy work and those **poor** men don't usually live long. Would you like to visit the oyster beds?'

'Yes, Captain. I would.'

'You aren't afraid of **sharks**, then, Doctor? There are one or two in the Indian Ocean, you know.'

The next day, we left the *Nautilus* near Mannar Island, and took the boat to the oyster beds. These were only a metre under the sea. There were no pearl fishers there then because it was February and they usually worked in March. We put on our sea suits and got into the water. Nemo gave knives to Conseil and me, and Ned carried his harpoon. The oyster beds were wonderful. Ned began to put oysters into every pocket of his suit. Nemo took us to see a **giant** oyster. He opened the shell with his knife. I saw a giant pearl in it. I wanted to take the pearl out, but Nemo stopped me. I understood. It was Nemo's pearl and one day he wanted to put it in that big room on the *Nautilus* with the beautiful shells and famous pictures – but not today.

pearl a small, round, expensive stone that we find in a shellfish

oyster the shellfish that makes pearls

poor without money; something you say when you feel sorry for someone

shark a big fish with teeth that eats smaller fish and sometimes people

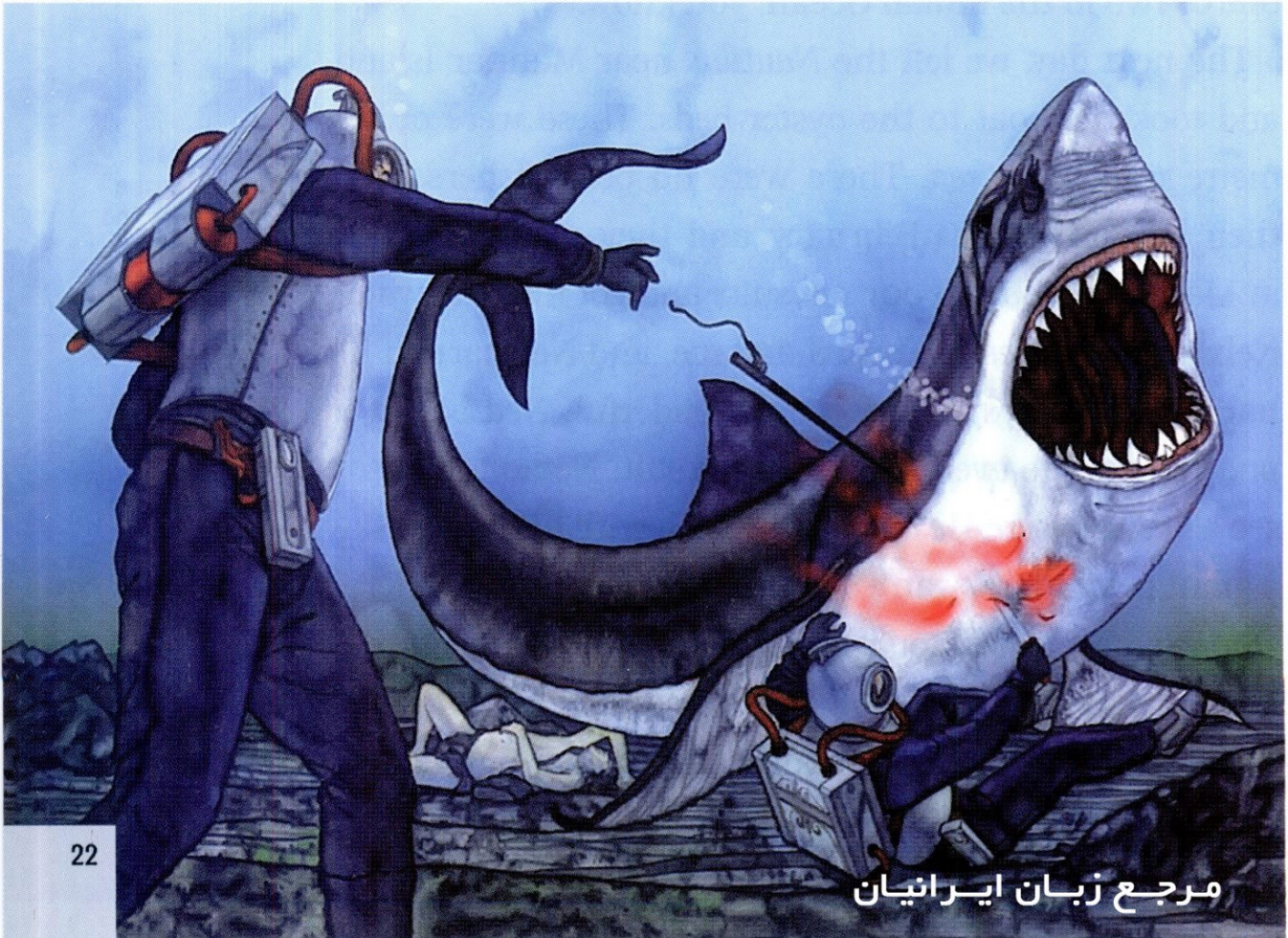
giant very big

tail the long thing at the back of an animal's body

Soon after that, I saw a pearl fisher in the water.

'Poor man. He's working early in the year,' I thought. The young man did not see us. Up and down he went in the water with oysters in his hands. I watched him with interest.

Suddenly, he went up to the surface very fast. A big shark went after him and hit him with its **tail**. The man was down on the sea bed now, and he didn't move. At once the shark swam down to finish him. Just then, Captain Nemo went for the shark with his knife. The fight was fast and terrible. I could see only the white metal of Nemo's knife in the dark water. Ned threw his harpoon, hit the shark, and then helped Nemo up from the sea bed. With Ned's harpoon in it, the shark soon died in a sea of blood. Nemo took the half-dead pearl fisher in his arms and swam up to the surface. We went after him. On his boat, the pearl fisher opened his eyes. Nemo gave him some beautiful



pearls. The poor man could not believe his eyes. After that we went back to our boat.

‘Why did you help that man, Captain?’ I asked.

‘He lives in a poor country,’ answered Nemo. ‘I lived there too once, and I cannot forget that!’



Some days later the *Nautilus* was in the Red Sea, near the African **coast**.

Nemo said, ‘Soon we’re going to be in the Mediterranean.’

‘The Mediterranean!’ I cried. ‘That cannot be!’

‘Yes, Doctor. We’re going through the Arabian **tunnel**. It begins under Suez and finishes here in the **Bay** of Pelusium. It’s not the first time for the *Nautilus*, believe me.’

So the captain drove the *Nautilus* into a black tunnel under the water and in twenty minutes we came out near the coast of Egypt.

‘Doctor,’ said Ned quietly to me. ‘We’re in the Mediterranean now. It’s nearly time for our escape.’

‘Yes, Ned,’ I answered. ‘When the time is right, please tell me. I’m in your hands.’

But after that, the *Nautilus* stayed underwater and away from the coast. It moved quickly and escape didn’t look very easy any more. On 18th February, we arrived at Gibraltar and a short time later we were out in the Atlantic Ocean.

Ned came to my room.

‘Doctor,’ he said, ‘We’re moving up the coast of Portugal. We must escape at nine o’clock tonight, when Nemo is sleeping. Conseil knows, and now you know too.’

coast the place where the land is next to the sea

tunnel a long hole that goes through or under something

bay some sea with land in a half circle round it

READING CHECK

Match the first and second parts of these sentences.

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| a Nemo asks Aronnax for help | 1 with his knife. |
| b Aronnax can do nothing | 2 for the man. |
| c Nemo puts the man's body | 3 attacks the fisherman. |
| d Aronnax and his friends go | 4 because he is a doctor. |
| e Nemo opens a big shell | 5 under the sea near Sri Lanka. |
| f A fisherman is looking for | 6 to his boat. |
| g A big fish | 7 in a hole in the sea bed. |
| h Nemo carries the fisherman | 8 oyster shells on the sea bed. |

WORD WORK

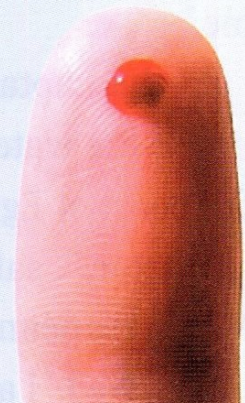
1 These words don't match the pictures. Correct them.



a cemetery ... pearls ...



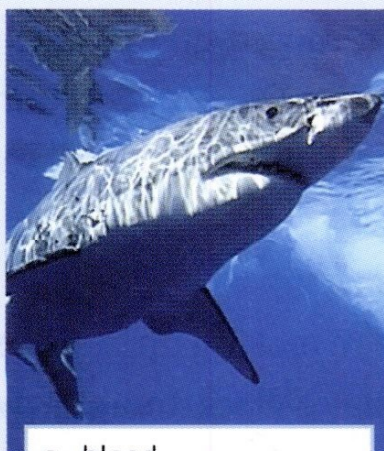
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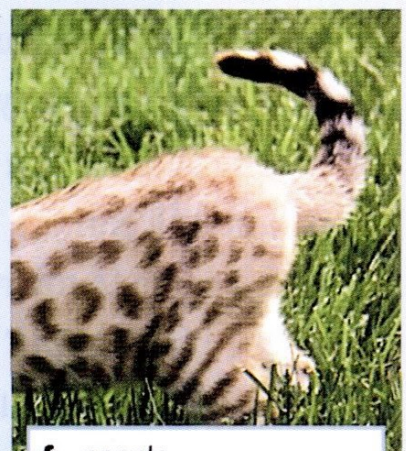
c oyster



d tail

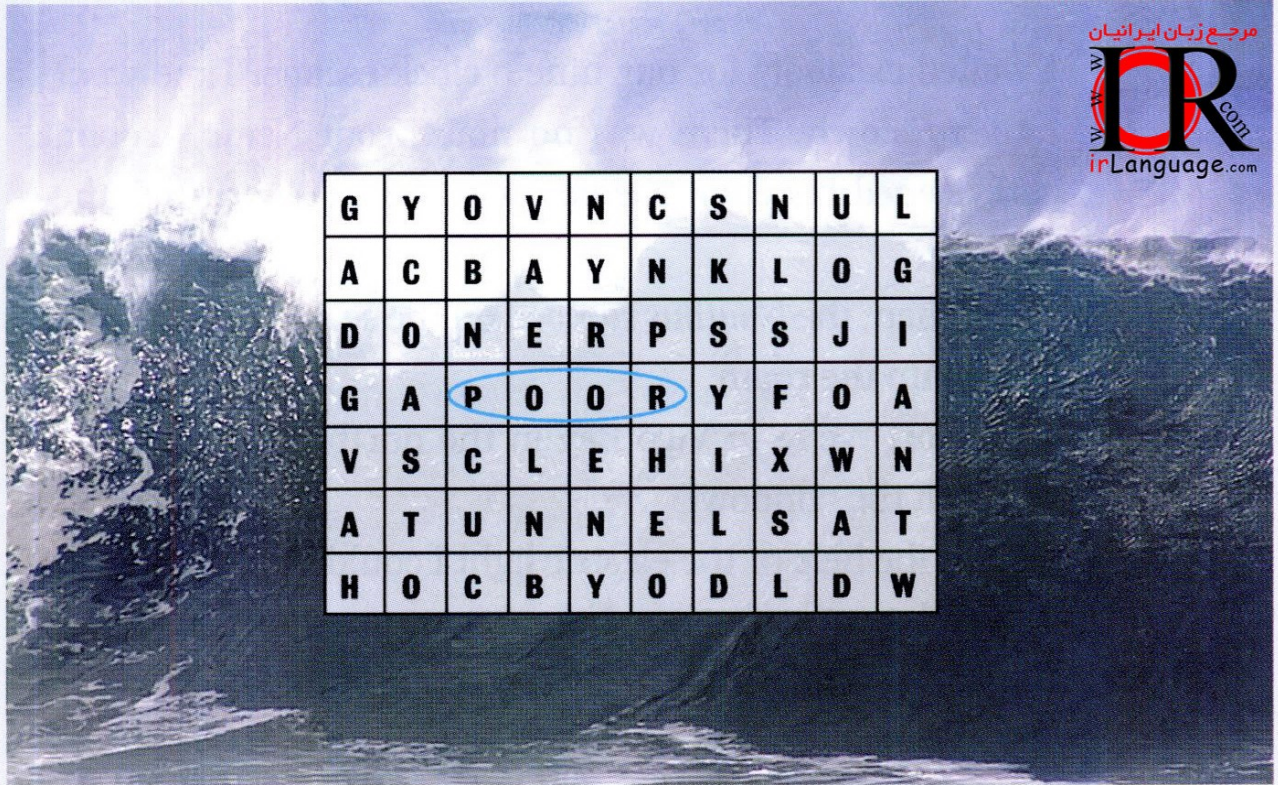


e blood



f pearls

2 Find four more words from Chapter 4 in the word square.



3 Complete these sentences with the words from Activity 2.

- a That old woman looks very poor Let's give her some money.
- b New York is on the east of the United States.
- c There is a very long for cars between Switzerland and Italy.
- d Last week a whale attacked a boat, and killed all the men on it.
- e The of Biscay is between Spain and France.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

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| <p>a Nemo's men...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 kill Nemo. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bring treasure to Nemo. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 escape from the <i>Nautilus</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> <p>b Aronnax sees...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 an old country under the sea. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Nemo's wife. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 the <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>c Nemo kills...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 some men on a submarine. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 some strange birds. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 some giant whales. <input type="checkbox"/> <p>d The <i>Nautilus</i> goes to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 the South Pole. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 India. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 France. <input type="checkbox"/> |
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CHAPTER 5

Helping the poor

I waited excitedly for our nine o'clock escape. Time went by very slowly. There was no noise from Nemo's room, so I opened his door. Nobody was there. Where was the captain?

Just then, the *Nautilus* stopped on the sea bed, and Nemo came into the room.

'Doctor! We're in Vigo Bay in the north of Spain. Look through the window!'

With the help of the electric light I could see old Spanish ships all over the sea bed. Nemo's men swam in and out of them. Boxes of **treasure** soon stood open before me, and Nemo's men brought this treasure back to him.

'You're rich, Captain,' I said.

'This isn't for me, Doctor,' answered Nemo. 'It's to help the poor people of the world.'

The next morning, 19th February, I saw Ned. He was very angry.

'Nemo went treasure hunting on the evening of our escape. I can't believe it! We must escape tomorrow!' he said, before he went to his room.

But that day the submarine left Europe, and soon we were 150 **leagues** from the nearest coast. We could not escape easily now.

Nemo came to see me. He wanted to take me underwater again, this time without Ned or Conseil. 'We're going on a long journey, Doctor!' he said. I put on my sea suit excitedly.

Under the sea, the water was dark, but I could see a

treasure

something expensive like gold or jewels

league

an old word for about six kilometres (3.5 miles)

strange red light about three kilometres away up a giant hill. We walked up the hill with the red light always in front of us. We went over big **stones**, and through underwater forests. I could hear different sea animals in the undersea trees to the right and left of us and I felt afraid. What terrible monsters lived there? Suddenly, Nemo stopped. I could see the **ruins** of some tall buildings near us. Soon we could walk no more up the giant hill because it was now very hot under our feet. The hill was a living **volcano** and the red light came from the fire in its mouth. In this red light

stone something grey or white, and hard

ruin an old building after an accident

volcano a mountain that has hot fire in it which sometimes comes out of it suddenly

I saw the ruins of a giant city before us. Where were we? Nemo took a stone and with it wrote 'ATLANTIS' on the sea bed at his feet. Now I understood. Once, the big island city of Atlantis stood between Africa and America. Now it



was only ruins under the Atlantic Ocean. We visited those ruins for an hour, and then went back to the submarine.

The next day, the *Nautilus* went slowly south. Conseil and I watched through the window. In the end the hills and ruins of the wonderful undersea city of Atlantis were far behind us.

That night, the submarine stopped. I went to bed and slept. The next morning, we were on the surface and I

could hear men's feet on the metal over my head. But when I looked out of the window, everything was dark. Just then, the *Nautilus's* lights came on. There was stone to the left and right of us. Where were we? Nemo arrived and said, 'This is the *Nautilus's* home, Doctor – the sea in a dead island volcano. We often stop here for **coal**.'



Nemo's men took lots of coal onto the ship and soon the *Nautilus* was ready to leave. Nemo now wanted to go to the South Pole. Days went by and we did not see the captain. Escape looked out of the question.

One day, Ned saw a giant whale out at sea. 'Look,' he cried, excitedly. 'It's coming nearer – and I can't do a thing about it! Oh, why am I down here in this giant metal box? Wait a minute – there's more than one whale! There are twenty!'

Ned ran up to Captain Nemo. 'Captain! I must hunt these whales. I want to feel the harpoon in my hand again!'

'Land,' said the captain coldly. 'These are Antarctic whales. Hunters are killing them all the time and now you want to kill more. Why? We don't need the meat. No, you cannot hunt them.'

Ned put his hands in his pockets and looked down at his feet angrily.

Suddenly, Nemo looked again at the whales. 'Ah, but wait. Look. Those animals over there are different. They're killer whales – terrible animals. When they hunt, they kill everything, and they do that when they aren't hungry. You're going to see a fight, after all, Mr Land. And the *Nautilus* is the best hunter in the world!'

What a fight! The *Nautilus* was a giant harpoon in

coal it is black; people use it to make the fire that moves old ships and trains



Nemo's hands. Again and again he threw the ship at the killer whales and again and again it **cut** the animals in two. When an animal escaped, the submarine went after it and killed it. The noise was terrible. When the ship came up after an hour, all the killer whales were nothing more than dead black and white bodies in the red sea near it. The Antarctic whales were free, and Captain Nemo, their helper, smiled at this.

'I like hunting with my harpoon better, I think,' said Ned to me darkly. 'When Captain Nemo attacks with the *Nautilus*, nothing can escape him.'

Later that day the *Nautilus* went south again. After a long journey across Antarctica, Captain Nemo went up and left his **flag** at the South Pole.

'This is my continent now,' he said. It was 21st March, 1868.

cut (*past cut*) to open something with a thing like a knife

flag a piece of cloth with colours on it; every country has its flag

READING CHECK

What do they say?

1 We're going on a long journey.

2 We must escape tomorrow!

3 No, you cannot hunt them.

4 You're rich.

5 This is my continent now.

6 It's coming nearer – and I can't do a thing about it!

7 We're in Vigo Bay.

8 I like hunting with my harpoon better.

- a Ned says when he sees the whale,
- b Nemo says at the South Pole,
- c Ned says to Aronnax on 19th February,
- d Aronnax says to Nemo when he sees the treasure,
- e Nemo says to Aronnax in the north of Spain,
- f Ned says to Aronnax after the fight,
- g Nemo says to Ned about the whales,
- h Nemo says to Aronnax before their journey,

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WORD WORK

1 Unscramble the letters and write words from Chapter 5.

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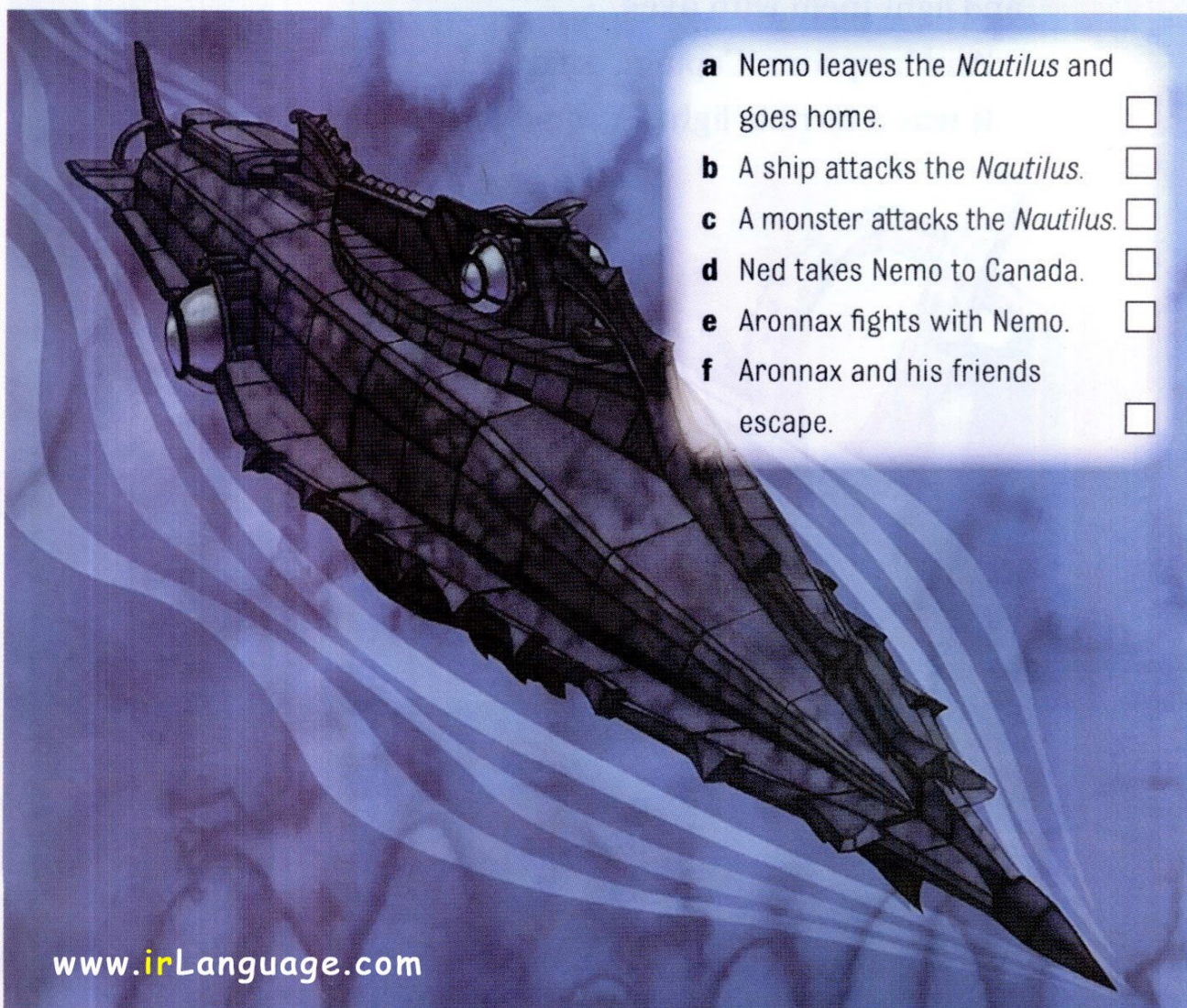
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2 Complete the sentences with the words from Activity 1.

- a Mount Etna is a volcano on the island of Sicily.
- b The British is red, white, and blue.
- c He hit the window with a and broke it!
- d Those men found some in an old ship under the sea, and now they're very rich.
- e We need more for the fire.
- f That house is very old. It has no doors and no windows. It's nearly a
- g Did you your hand with that knife?
- h A is about six kilometres.

GUESS WHAT

How does the story finish? Tick three boxes.



- a Nemo leaves the *Nautilus* and goes home.
- b A ship attacks the *Nautilus*.
- c A monster attacks the *Nautilus*.
- d Ned takes Nemo to Canada.
- e Aronnax fights with Nemo.
- f Aronnax and his friends escape.

CHAPTER 6

Leaving the Nautilus

squid a long, thin sea animal with eight long arms

axe you use this to cut wood

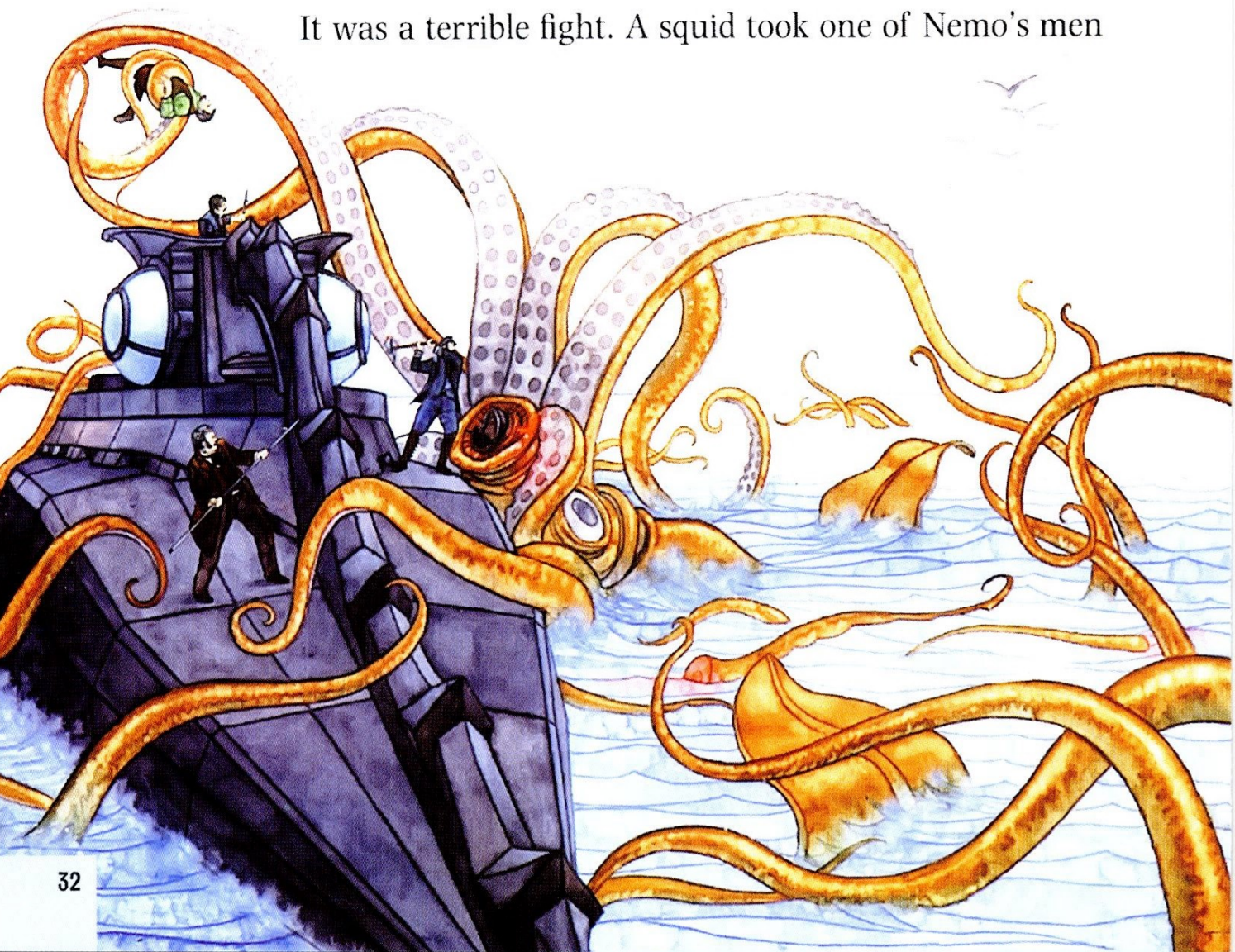
The *Nautilus* went north again, up the coast of South America. On 20th April, we arrived at the Bahamas. Ned, Conseil and I stood by the window. Suddenly, Ned said, 'Look at that!'

It was a giant **squid**, eight metres long, with eight arms, two angry eyes and a big, hungry mouth. It began to attack the *Nautilus*. Soon, more giant squid came to help it. We could hear the noise of teeth on metal. Just then the submarine stopped, and Nemo came into the room.

'Giant squid are attacking us,' he said. 'We must go out and fight them with **axes**.'

'And harpoons, Captain,' said Ned.

It was a terrible fight. A squid took one of Nemo's men



in its arms, and ate him alive. Ned nearly died in a second squid's arms too, but the captain threw his axe into the monster's mouth before it could eat the Canadian. Then Ned quickly cut the animal's giant arms from him with his axe. After this, all the squid swam away.

Nemo cried openly for the dead man. This time he could not put him in the coral cemetery with his friends.



For many days after that, the *Nautilus* was without its captain. We were near the coast of North America. There were a lot of boats in the water and again Ned, Conseil and I thought about escape. But the weather was very bad.

'In a few days, we're going to be near my home country, Canada!' said Ned. 'Please talk to the captain, Doctor Aronnax! Perhaps Nemo would like to stop the *Nautilus* somewhere near the Canadian coast. Perhaps this time we can leave the submarine freely and openly.'

I went to speak to Nemo. But he was not happy to see me.

'I'm working, Doctor. Can't you see? These papers tell the story of my life. I'm going to put them in a box before I die. And the last person alive on the *Nautilus* can throw the box into the sea. My story isn't going to die with me. It's going to live long after I go!'

'I understand, Captain,' I said. 'But where is the sea going to take your box? Perhaps it's going to arrive in the wrong hands. Why don't you leave it now with friends in Canada? Give it to Ned Land, Conseil and me. We can take it there for you.'

'Never!' cried the captain. 'I have no friends in the world up there, Doctor! And you, your servant, and the whaler

are never going to leave the *Nautilus*!

Later I told Ned about our meeting.

‘Well, now we know, Doctor. Bad weather or not, we must escape soon.’

On 18th May, the sky went black and there was a terrible **storm**. Captain Nemo stood for hours out in the cold rain. Perhaps he wanted to die out there, I thought. But at midnight, he came in and the *Nautilus* went down under the sea.



This time we went south, and on 1st June we arrived near the south coast of England. We were on the surface when I heard a noise. I could see white smoke a few kilometres away. Ned came up to me.

‘Look, Doctor. A ship! And that was a **cannon**! But are they our friends or not?’

Ned was right. About four kilometres away, there was a **warship**. I could not see any flag on it so I did not know its country. But that didn’t matter.

storm a lot of rain and very bad weather

cannon a big, old gun on a ship

warship a fighting ship

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'The *Nautilus* is nobody's friend, Ned. And that warship is attacking us!'

'And a good thing too, Doctor. I'm going to ask the men on it for help to escape when it comes nearer. You and Conseil must do the same!'

'No!' Nemo was suddenly there behind us. His face was white and he was very angry. 'I'm going to put a hole in that ship when it comes nearer, and you three can go down with it, too! I **hate** them! Because of those people I lost everything – my country, my wife, my children, my mother and father! I watched when they all died and I could do nothing to help them. Was that right? No! So now all those men on that ship must die.'

'But, Captain,' I cried. 'Who are they?'

'You don't need to know that! Be quiet and go down to your rooms, I say!'

We went down into the ship.

'We're going to escape after dark.' I said. 'I don't want to stay with Captain Nemo any longer.'

But we could not escape that night. And the *Nautilus* went under the water just before the first light of day. The warship was very near us now and the noise of her cannon came more often to our ears.

Suddenly, the *Nautilus* began to go faster. It moved quickly nearer to the warship. Then, with a noise of metal on metal, the submarine hit the ship and went through it faster than a knife through paper. I ran to look out of the window. Before my eyes, the warship went down quickly into the sea and all its men went with it. Captain Nemo watched too; his eyes were dark and angry. When everything finished, he went to his room. I could see him

hate not to love

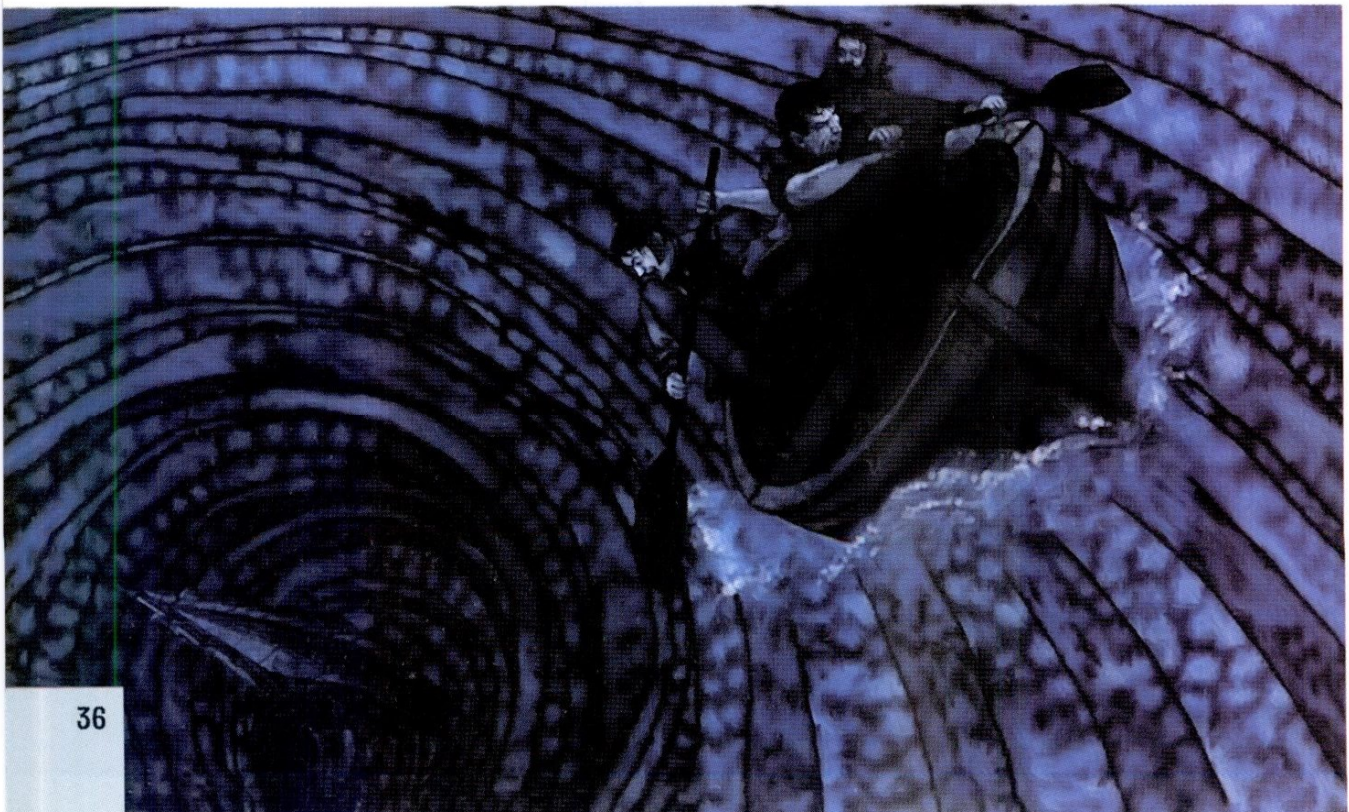
through the open door. He sat down on his bed and began to cry. Over his head I saw a picture of a beautiful woman with two young children.

After that terrible day, we stayed on the *Nautilus* for three more weeks. We did not see Nemo or his men. One morning, Ned said to me quietly, 'We're going to escape tonight. We're near Norway and there's land about thirty kilometres away. The sea's stormy, but it's now or never.'

'Yes, Ned. We live or die tonight – you, Conseil, and I!'

I looked for the last time at all the wonderful things on Captain Nemo's ship. In the evening I put on my sea suit and carefully put all my papers in my pocket. I did not want to lose the story of our months on the submarine. I wanted to sleep a little, but I felt excited and couldn't. Suddenly, I heard Captain Nemo's piano. Just then, Nemo gave a terrible cry and said, 'No more! No more!' What was in that strange man's head?

Soon after that I went quietly out to the boat. Ned and Conseil were there before me, and the three of us got in the little boat at once. Suddenly we heard noises. Someone



cried, '**Maelstrom!** Maelstrom!' and a metal door closed.

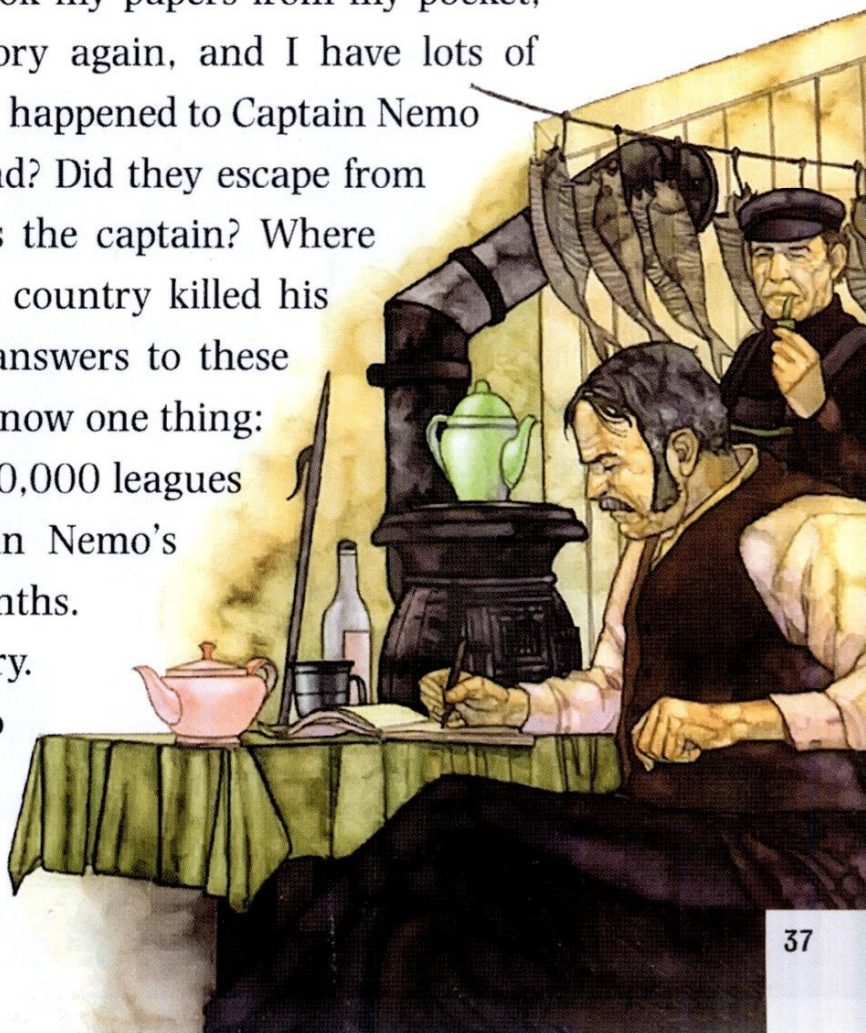
maelstrom when the sea goes round very fast

I felt very afraid. Near the coast of Norway, the waters are terrible. No boat ever escapes from the maelstrom. Suddenly the cold sea came up and over us. The big submarine fought the fast waters for some time, but it was no good. With a terrible noise, our little boat suddenly broke away from the *Nautilus*. We went up, and the submarine went down. And then my head hit something – and all the world went black.



When I opened my eyes, I was in the home of a Lofoten Islander. These men fish in all weathers in the seas near Norway. My friends Ned Land and Conseil were with me, and I took them happily in my arms. They laughed to see me alive and well again.

Now we must wait for a ship before we can go back to France. The maelstrom took my papers from my pocket, but I am writing our story again, and I have lots of questions to answer. What happened to Captain Nemo and the *Nautilus* in the end? Did they escape from the maelstrom? Who was the captain? Where was he from? And which country killed his family? Who knows the answers to these questions? Not me. But I know one thing: Ned, Conseil and I went 20,000 leagues under the sea on Captain Nemo's *Nautilus* in under ten months. It's a truly wonderful story. The only thing is, who in the world is going to believe me when I tell it?



READING CHECK

Correct nine more mistakes in the summary of this chapter.

The *Nautilus* goes ~~south~~^{north} again up the South American coast. Ned sees a giant sea animal with two arms and a big mouth. It kills three of Nemo's men.

Soon the boat is near North Africa and Ned wants to escape again. The weather is good and Nemo stands in the rain for hours.

Near England, a ship attacks the *Nautilus*. Nemo loves the people on that ship. He kills them. Then he sits down on his bed and begins to laugh.

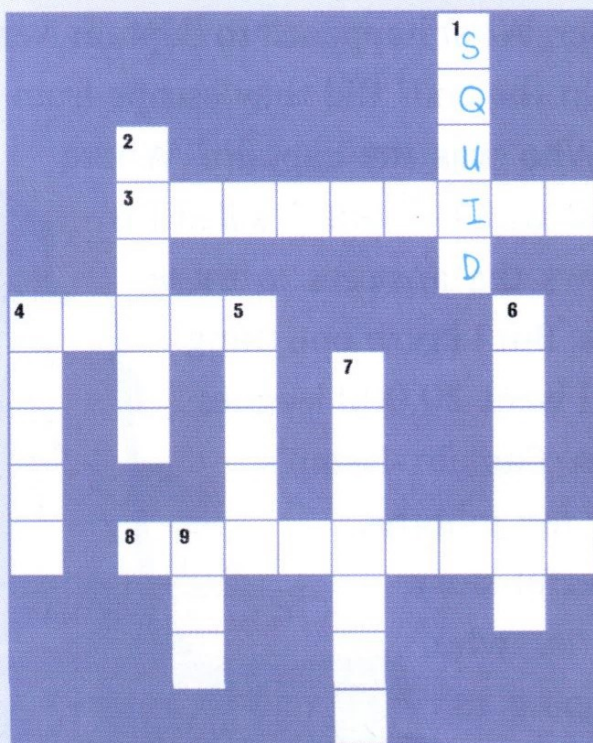
Aronnax and his friends must escape now. The doctor puts his shells in the pocket of his sea suit. When they are in the small boat, something terrible happens. The *Nautilus* goes down in the water and Aronnax hits his hand. When he opens his eyes, he is in an Islander's boat in Norway.

WORD WORK

Complete the crossword.

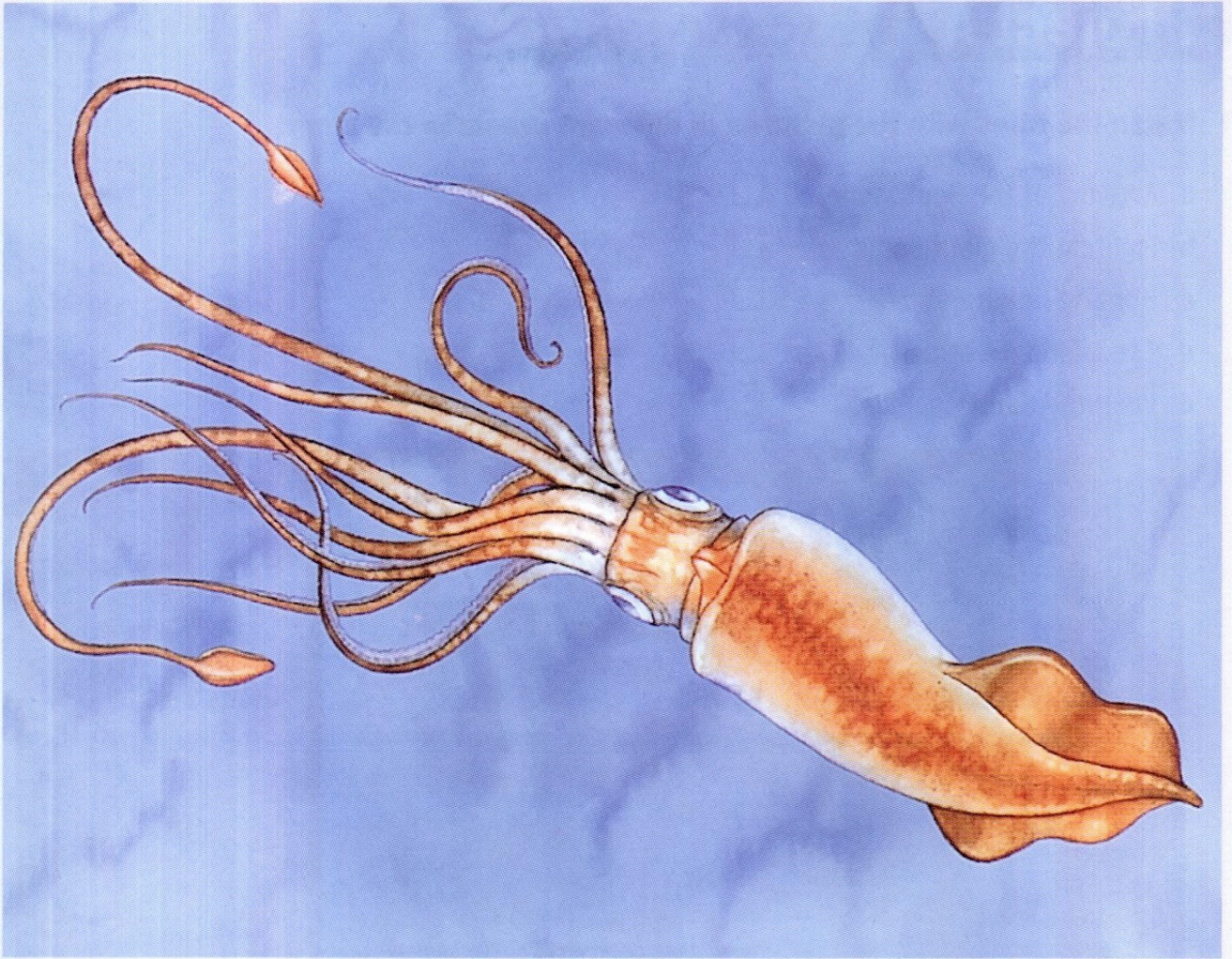
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- 3 The *Nautilus* is one of these ships.
- 4 A big fish with big teeth.
- 8 When the sea goes round and round very fast.



DOWN

- 1 This sea animal has eight arms.
- 2 This is a country in the sea.
- 4 When the sky is dark and it rains a lot.
- 5 You can cut things to eat with this.
- 6 A big old gun.
- 7 This ship fights with ships from other countries.
- 9 You can cut down a tree with this.



GUESS WHAT

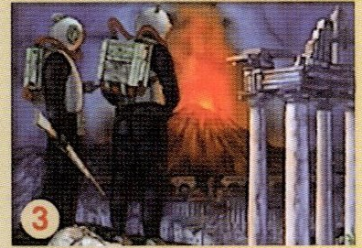
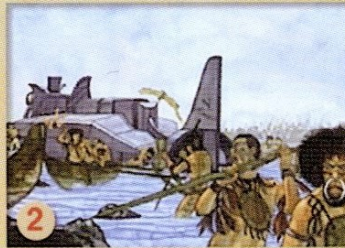
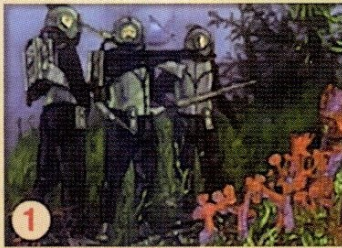
**What happens after the end of the story?
Finish these sentences with your own ideas.**

- a** The *Nautilus*
- b** Nemo
- c** Nemo's men
- d** Aronnax
- e** Conseil
- f** Ned
- g** A lot of people in the world

Project A *A sense poem*

1 Match the titles with the pictures of different events in the story.

- a Arriving at the South Pole
- b Fighting the giant squid
- c Hunting underwater
- d The islanders attack
- e Visiting Atlantis



2 Read the poem. Complete it with the correct first line below. Which character from the story is the writer?

.....
 I **saw** the animal's long white arms in the black water;
 I **heard** the noise of its strange mouth on the metal;
 I **felt** my harpoon in my hand;
 I **smelt** the cold sea;
 I **tasted** my breakfast suddenly in my mouth once again.

- a When we hunted underwater
- b When the islanders attacked
- c When we visited Atlantis
- d When we arrived at the South Pole
- e When we fought the giant squid

3 Choose a different event from Activity 1 and a new character. Write a poem about the event from this character's point of view. Can your partner guess the character?

When

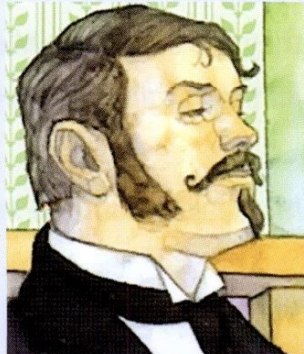
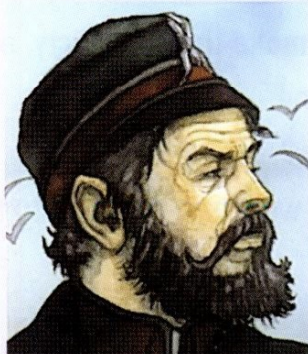
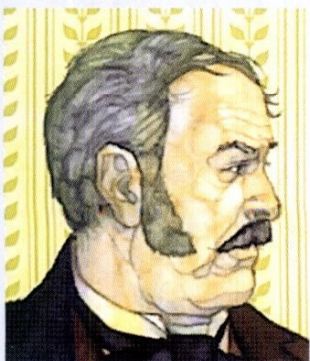
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Project B *Interviewing a character*

1 Complete the interview with Captain Nemo. Put the interviewer's questions in the correct place.

- 1 And how did you feel when the famous French writer – Dr Aronnax – came onto your submarine?
- 2 Why do you attack ships from different countries?
- 3 Why aren't you happy in the world of men?
- 4 Where does your name, 'Nemo', come from?
- 5 And what do you think of the world today?

Interviewer: Ladies and gentlemen, today we're going to meet Captain Nemo of the submarine, the *Nautilus*. Captain Nemo, welcome to *Hardtalk*.

Nemo: Thank you.

I: Can I ask you a personal question?

N: All right, go ahead.

I: a)

N: It means 'no one' in Latin. It's not my real name. No one must know my real name. Just call me Nemo.

I: b)

N: Well, when I was young, people from a rich country killed my family. So now I attack ships from Britain, Russia, and other rich countries.

I: Right. c)

N: Some countries are poor and other countries are rich, some people have no food and others die because they eat too much. Men make the seas dirty, and there is fighting between countries. All these things are wrong.

I: OK. d)

N: Very happy. I know his books about the sea well, and I wanted to talk to him and teach him more.



I: e).....?

N: I don't feel free. And I need to be on my ship again.

I: I understand. Thank you, Captain Nemo.

2 Complete the interview with Dr Aronnax. Write answers to the interviewer's questions using the notes.

Interviewer: Our next interview is with Dr Aronnax. Good evening, sir.

Aronnax: Good evening.

I: Are you a doctor of medicine?

A: Not really. I know something about medicine, but I'm a scientist. I study the sea.

I: Where are you from, Doctor?

A:

I: Why did you visit the United States?

A:

I: Were you surprised when you first saw the *Nautilus*?

A:

I: What do you think of Captain Nemo?

A:

I: Why didn't you escape sooner from the *Nautilus*?

A:

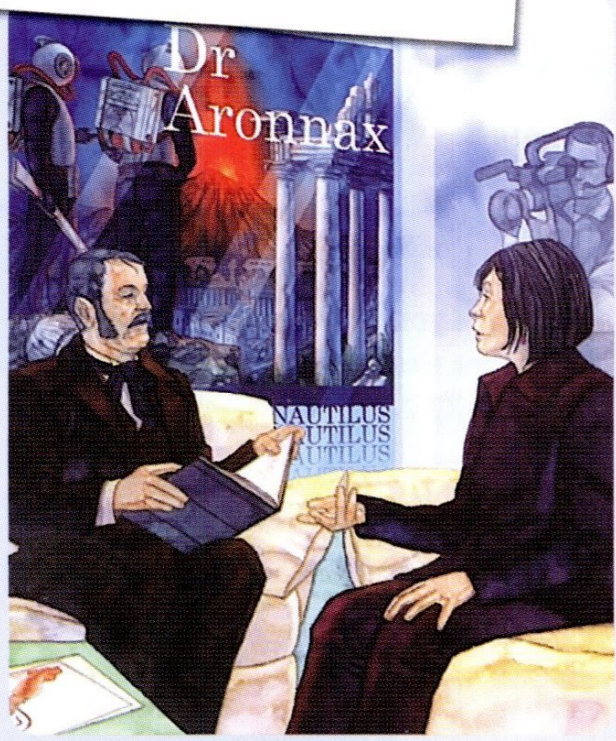
I: How did you feel when you woke up after the maelstrom?

A:

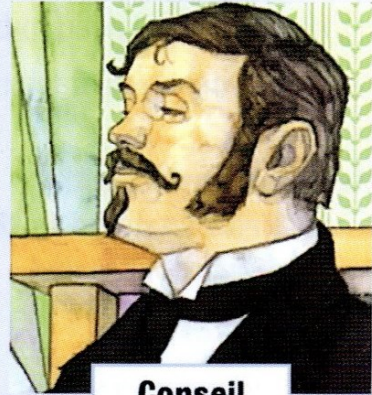
I: What are your plans for the future?

A:

- a scientist; writes books about the sea
- lives with good servant Conseil in France
- excited to go on the Abraham Lincoln
- very surprised when saw the Nautilus
- thinks, 'Nemo is a strange, interesting man!'
- wanted to know more about the Nautilus and Nemo
- happy to be alive and to see friends
- wants to write about journey under the sea



3 Prepare questions for an interview with Conseil or Ned Land.




Conseil



Ned Land

4 Imagine you are Conseil or Ned Land. Prepare answers to the questions in activity 3.



5 Work in pairs. Roleplay the interview with a partner.

GRAMMAR CHECK

Past Simple Yes/No questions and short answers

We use **was/were** or the auxiliary verbs **did** and **could** + **infinitive without to** in Yes/No questions in the Past Simple.

*Did Captain Nemo **attack** the warship?*

*Was Ned Land **happy** on the submarine?*

In the short answer we re-use the **auxiliary verb** or **was/were**.

*Yes, he **did**.*

*No, he **wasn't** (was not).*



1 Write answers for the questions about Captain Nemo. Use the short answers in the box.

Yes, he was. ~~Yes, he did.~~ No, he wasn't. Yes, he could.
 No, he couldn't. Yes, he did. No, he didn't. No, he wasn't.

- a Did Nemo have any children? *Yes, he did.*
- b Was he from a rich country?
- c Could he speak different languages?
- d Did he love the sea?
- e Was he a happy man?
- f Could he live far from the sea?
- g Did he hate poor people?
- h Was he interested in sea animals?



2 Now write short answers to these questions about Dr Aronnax.

- a Was he interested in the *Nautilus*?
- b Did he have a servant?
- c Did he hate Ned Land?
- d Could he understand Nemo's love of the sea?
- e Was he happy when Nemo's men died?



GRAMMAR CHECK

Information questions and question words

We use **question words** in information questions.

Why is Nemo angry?

How many languages does Nemo speak?

We answer these questions by giving some information.

Because someone killed his family.

I don't know – a lot.

3 Complete the information questions with the question words in the box.

How How many How much What When Where ~~Who~~ Why

- a Q:** *Who* likes killing whales with his harpoon?
A: Ned Land
- b Q:** does Aronnax usually work?
A: At the Museum of Natural History in Paris.
- c Q:** money is Captain Farragut giving to the first man to see the monster?
A: Two thousand dollars.
- d Q:** does Captain Nemo like living under the sea?
A: Because he feels free there.
- e Q:** does the *Nautilus* work?
A: It uses electricity.
- f Q:** books does Captain Nemo have?
A: Twelve thousand.
- g Q:** does Conseil do on the island in New Guinea?
A: He kills some birds.
- h Q:** do Aronnax and his friends escape from the *Nautilus*?
A: After the fight against the warship.



GRAMMAR CHECK

To + infinitive or -ing form of verb

After the verbs *begin**, *like**, *go*, *love* and *stop*, we use **verb + -ing**.

I love swimming.

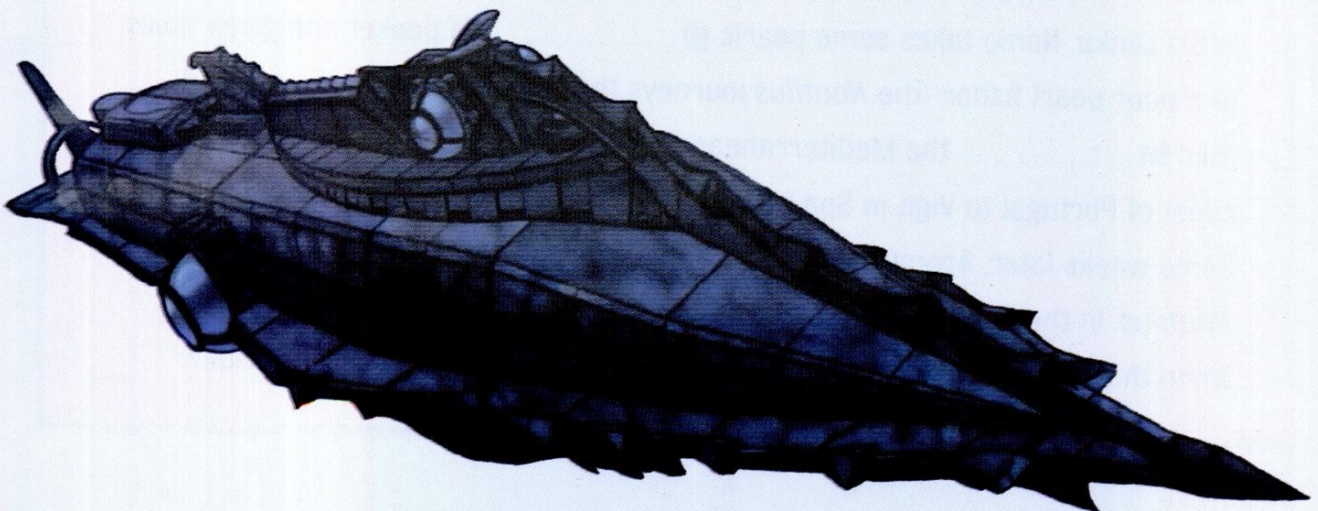
After the verbs *begin**, *like**, *forget*, *learn*, *need*, *remember*, *want* and *would like*, we use **to + infinitive**.

I'd like to swim in the river.

* With the verbs *begin* and *like* we can use verb + -ing or to + infinitive.

4 Complete the sentences about the story with the to + infinitive or verb + -ing form of the verb in brackets.

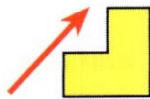
- a In 1866, everyone wants *to know* (know) about the monster.
- b Different ships begin (see) the monster at different times.
- c Aronnax loves (learn) about the sea.
- d Nemo goes (hunt) under the sea.
- e Aronnax doesn't want (escape) to India.
- f Nemo stops (speak) to people when one of his men dies.
- g Ned likes (eat) meat more than fish.
- h The *Nautilus* needs (go) up to the surface to breathe.
- i Aronnax remembers (put) his papers in his pocket before the escape.
- j Ned would like (be) at home in Canada.
- k Nemo never forgets (help) the poor people of the world.
- l Conseil likes (look) at all the different sea animals.



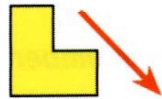
GRAMMAR CHECK

Prepositions of movement

Prepositions of movement tell us how something moves.



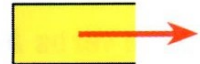
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past



to

5 Complete the text about the journey of the *Nautilus* with the prepositions in the box.

across down into out of ~~over~~ over past under to up

When the *Abraham Lincoln* hits the *Nautilus*, the water comes up **a)**.....~~over~~..... the ship like a cold, black river. After some days on the submarine, Aronnax and Nemo walk **b)**..... the sea, in the forests of Crespo Island. Captain Nemo wants to go **c)**..... the Indian Ocean through the Coral Sea. The ship hits some coral and Aronnax and his friends walk **d)**..... the islands of New Guinea. Aronnax hears a noise, looks **e)**..... and sees some angry islanders. Later, the islanders try to go **f)**..... into the ship but the electricity stops them.

In Sri Lanka, Nemo takes some pearls **g)**..... his pocket and gives them to a poor pearl fisher. The *Nautilus* journeys through the Arabian tunnel and then **h)**..... the Mediterranean Sea. After that, it goes **i)**..... the coast of Portugal to Vigo in Spain.

Some weeks later, Aronnax and his friends are ready to escape from the *Nautilus*. In the maelstrom, the sea comes up **j)**..... their little boat. When they open their eyes again, they are in the home of a Lofoten Islander.

GRAMMAR CHECK

Past Simple: affirmative

With regular verbs we usually add **-d** or **-ed** to the infinitive.

Ned liked hunting with his harpoon.

Aronnax looked at all the beautiful things on the Nautilus.

With regular verbs that end in a consonant + **-y** we change **y** to **i** and add **-ed**.

carry – Four of Nemo's men *carried* a long box.

Some verbs are irregular. You must learn their past forms.

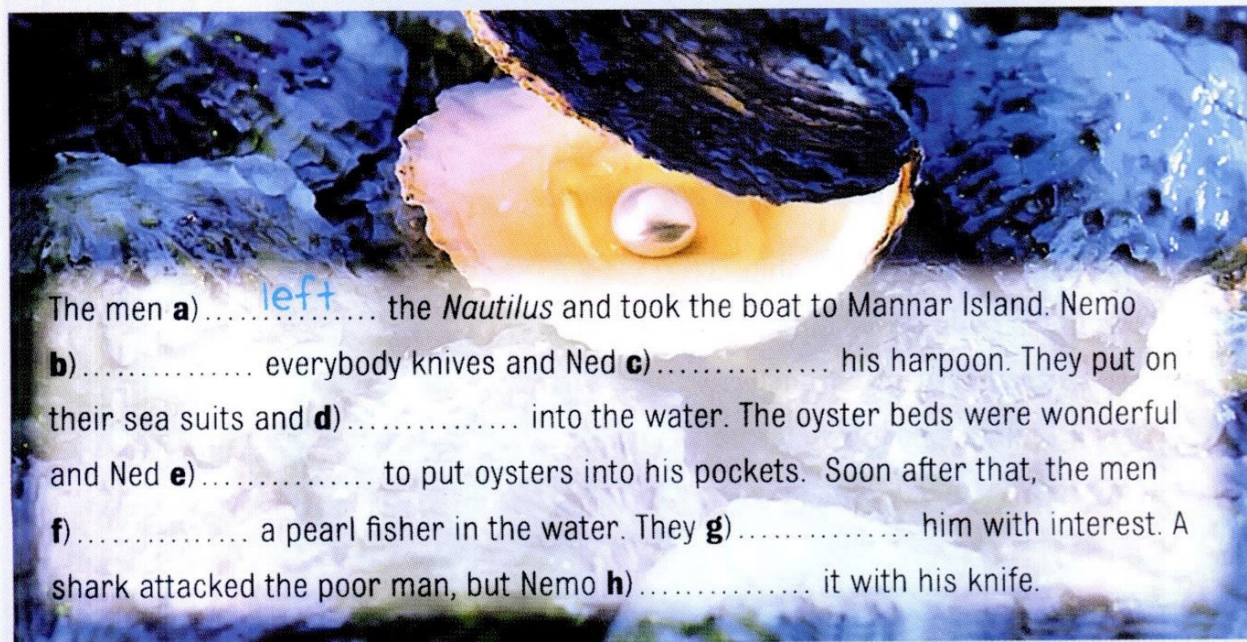
throw – The submarine *threw* water up into the air.

6 Complete the text about Doctor Aronnax with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Aronnax **a)** *was* (be) excited when he **b)** (hear) about the monster. He **c)** (want) to know more, so he **d)** (go) on the *Abraham Lincoln* with Conseil and Ned Land. One night, Ned **e)** (see) something strange in the water. 'Look over there!' he **f)** (cry). The monster **g)** (make) a lot of noise and the men **h)** (wait), afraid.

7 Complete the text about the pearl fisher with the Past Simple form of the verbs in the box.

give begin get ~~leave~~ kill watch carry see



The men **a)** *left* the *Nautilus* and took the boat to Mannar Island. Nemo **b)** everybody knives and Ned **c)** his harpoon. They put on their sea suits and **d)** into the water. The oyster beds were wonderful and Ned **e)** to put oysters into his pockets. Soon after that, the men **f)** a pearl fisher in the water. They **g)** him with interest. A shark attacked the poor man, but Nemo **h)** it with his knife.

GRAMMAR CHECK

Comparative and superlative adjectives

	Comparative	Superlative
Short adjectives, like <i>tall, strange</i>	add -er or -r <i>taller, stranger</i>	add the + -est or -st <i>the tallest, the strangest</i>
Adjectives that end in consonant + -y, like <i>hungry</i>	change -y to i and add -er <i>hungrier</i>	change -y to i and add the + -est <i>the hungriest</i>
Longer adjectives, like <i>wonderful</i>	add more <i>more wonderful</i>	add the most <i>the most wonderful</i>
Some adjectives are irregular, like <i>good</i> <i>bad</i>	<i>better</i> <i>worse</i>	<i>the best</i> <i>the worst</i>

We use **than** after comparative adjectives.

Nemo is taller than Aronnax.

8 Write comparative sentences about Nemo and Aronnax.

- a Nemo / bad / Aronnax. *Nemo is worse than Aronnax.*
- b Nemo / unfriendly / Aronnax.
- c Aronnax / kind / Nemo.
- d Aronnax / happy / Nemo.
- e Nemo / angry / Aronnax.

9 Write sentences using superlative adjectives.

- a Nemo / angry man / on the ship. *Nemo is the angriest man on the ship.*
- b The *Nautilus* / wonderful submarine / world
- c Conseil / good servant / France
- d Aronnax / famous doctor / Europe
- e Ned / happy whaler / Canada

GRAMMAR CHECK

Linkers: and, but, so, and because

We use linkers to join two sentences.

and links two parts of a sentence with the same idea.

*The hill was a living volcano **and** the red light came from fire in its mouth.*

but links two sentences with different ideas.

*Ned likes Aronnax, **but** he hates Nemo.*

(second sentence shows a different idea)

so links two parts of a sentence talking about the result of something.

*Life on the Nautilus is very bad **so** Aronnax and his friends must escape.*

(result of first part of sentence)

because links two parts of a sentence talking about the reason for something.

*Ned needs to hunt animals on the island **because** he wants to eat meat.*

(reason for first part of sentence)

10 Complete the sentences with **and**, **but**, **so**, or **because**.

- a The *Abraham Lincoln* moves across the seas **and** watches for the monster.
- b A lot of people ask Aronnax about the monster he's a famous man.
- c The water comes over the ship it throws Aronnax into the sea.
- d The fish on the *Nautilus* is good
..... it is different from usual fish.
- e The men wear boxes on their backs
..... they can breathe under the water.
- f Nemo can understand Aronnax,
..... at first he doesn't speak to him.
- g The islanders want to come on the ship,
..... the electricity stops them.
- h Nemo wants to kill the people on the warship they killed his family.



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