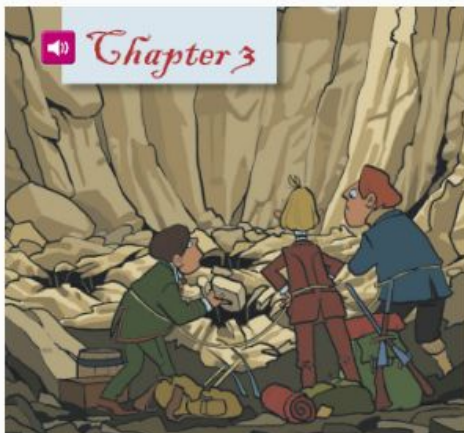




### Chapter 3



When Hans, Lidenbrock, and Axel arrive at the **bottom** of the crater, there are three black **holes** in front of them.

'Where do we go now?' asks Axel. 'I don't know! We must wait and see,' says the professor.



It is the 28th of June. Suddenly the sun comes out, and the shadow of Scartaris falls on one of the holes. 'It's Arne Saknussemm's **sign**,' says Professor Lidenbrock excitedly. 'Come on. We go down that hole to the centre of the Earth!'

They go through the hole and **climb** slowly down.



It takes them ten and a half hours to arrive at the bottom. What a very long climb! Now they are 2,000 metres from the top of Snæfells.

**bottom** the lowest part of something

**hole** an opening in something that you can look through or go through

**sign** something that shows you something important

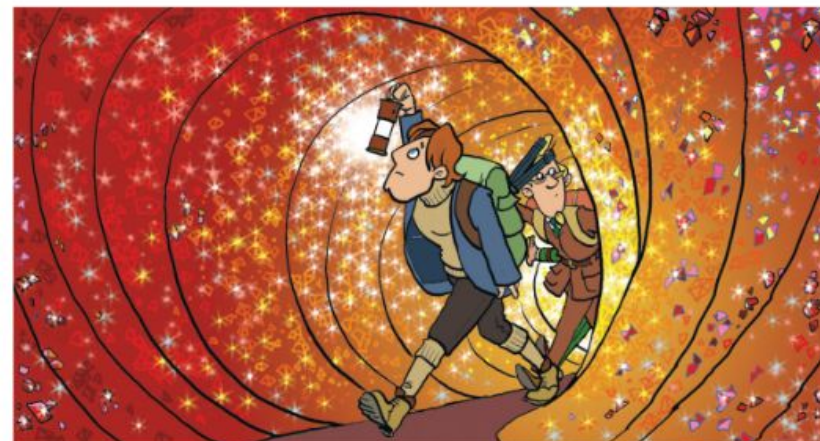
**climb** to go up or down using your hands and feet; when you go up or down using your hands and feet



In the morning they eat breakfast, and Professor Lidenbrock looks at his **compass**.



'Now,' he says, 'the journey begins.' They take **lamps** and go into a big, dark **tunnel**.



They walk for a very long time. Axel and the professor look at the **crystals** in the **walls** of the tunnel. 'What wonderful crystals!' Axel says. 'Yes,' says Lidenbrock. Hans walks in front of them. He doesn't say a thing.

**compass** something that shows you north and helps you see where to go

**lamp** a thing that helps you to see in the dark

**tunnel** a long hole that goes through or under something

**crystal** a beautiful stone

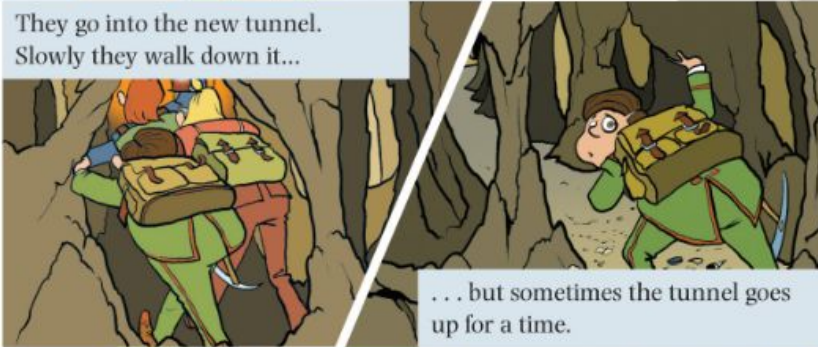
**wall** the side of a tunnel





On the second day the big tunnel stops suddenly. In front of them there are two **small** tunnels. 'Which tunnel do we take now?' asks Axel. 'The tunnel on the left,' says Lidenbrock.

They go into the new tunnel. Slowly they walk down it...



... but sometimes the tunnel goes up for a time.



'Uncle, perhaps this is the wrong tunnel. It's going up,' says Axel. But Lidenbrock doesn't listen, and he doesn't stop.



After five days of walking, the tunnel stops. 'We must go back,' says Professor Lidenbrock angrily. But Axel is **worried**. 'We haven't got any water!' he says.

**small** little

**worried** not happy about something and thinking a lot about it

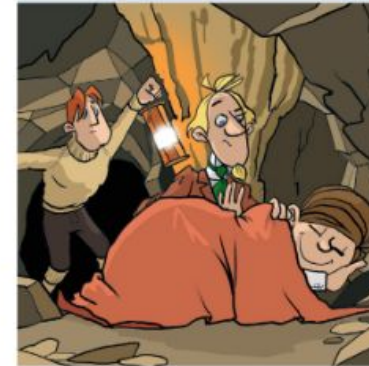


They go back to the first big tunnel. Now they go down the small tunnel on the right. But they can't walk very well because they are all very thirsty.



That night Axel is sleeping when he hears a noise. He opens his eyes at once and sees Hans. Their guide is walking away with the lamp. 'Where's he going? Maybe he's leaving us,' thinks Axel. He closes his eyes again tiredly.

An hour later, Hans comes back. 'Water,' he says quietly to Lidenbrock. 'Come!' 'Axel, get up!' cries the professor and they quickly **follow** Hans.



After some time they can hear water through the tunnel wall. Hans makes a hole in it. Water comes out, and at last they all drink. 'Don't close that hole, Hans,' says Lidenbrock. 'Now this **stream** can be our guide.'

**follow** to go after something or somebody

**stream** a small river

# READING CHECK

Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| <p>a When the men arrive at the bottom of the crater, they <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b When the professor sees the shadow of Scartaris on one hole, he <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c They climb down for ten and a half hours before they <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>d Axel and Lidenbrock are happy when they <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>e After five days of walking, they go back because <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>f The men can't walk well because they <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>g In the night Hans gets up and <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>h Hans makes a hole in the tunnel, and water <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>1 the tunnel stops.</p> <p>2 looks for water.</p> <p>3 goes into it.</p> <p>4 stop in front of three holes.</p> <p>5 comes out.</p> <p>6 see the crystals in the tunnel.</p> <p>7 arrive at the bottom of the hole.</p> <p>8 are thirsty.</p> |
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# WORD WORK

Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- a She's a scientist; she studies Christmas. .... crystals
- b 'Where do we go now?' 'We must flower that sing to the town centre.'
- c They were hurried because they didn't have much food.
- d You can see into their garden from the street because there's a hotel in the garden well.
- e Look! We can get water from that little mountain dream.
- f Professor Lidenbrock lives in a smell house in Hamburg.
- g There's a little shop at the bottle of our road.
- h 'Where's north?' 'Look at your compose!'.
- i Can we crime up that hill over there?
- j There are lots of cars on the road today. So let's go through the funnel under the road.
- k This lamb isn't working! I can't see a thing!

# GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

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| <p>a The three men follow ...</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> Arne Saknussemm.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> a new tunnel.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> the stream.</p> <p>b Professor Lidenbrock is happy ...</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> when they go down.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> when they go up.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> when they stop.</p> | <p>c Axel loses ...</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> his lamp.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Hans and the professor.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> the luggage.</p> <p>d They ...</p> <p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> arrive back in Snæfells.</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> sail across a sea.</p> <p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> find the centre of the Earth.</p> |
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