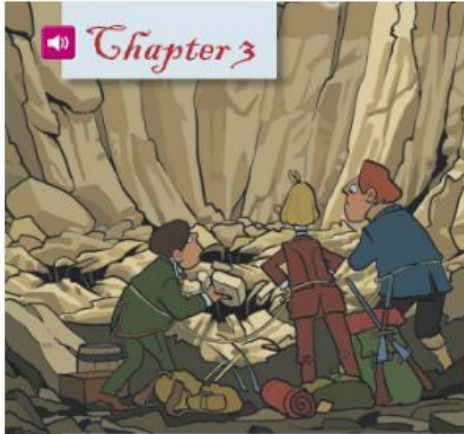




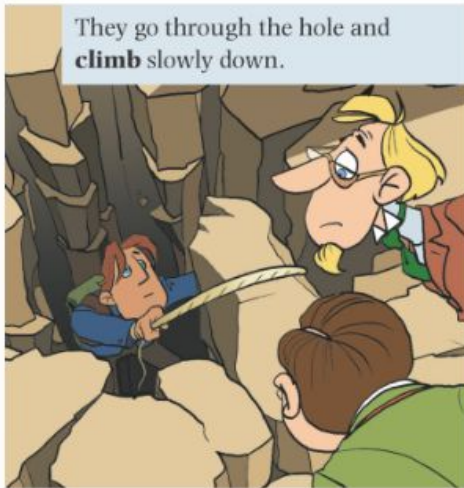
Chapter 3



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**.

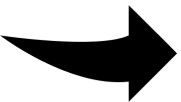


'Now,' he says, 'the journey begins.' They take **lamps** and go into a big, dark **tunnel**.



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
wall the side of a tunnel
crystal a beautiful stone





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.

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

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.

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

